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HERBERT PHILLIPS,
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NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that at the expiration of three months from the date hereof the name of Ward & Company (China) Limited will, unless cause is shewn to the contrary, be struck off the Register and the Company will be dissolved.

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CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION
No. 1637

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Wednesday, March 29, 1939, being a Customs Holiday, the Custom House will be closed and the shipment and delivery of cargo suspended on that date.

L. H. LAWFORD,
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Shanghai, March 21, 1939.

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR CHINA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LAURA FRANCISCA BUCHANAN
Deceased.

Cause No. 4389, Estate No 2268

Filed at Shanghai, China, this 2nd day of March, 1939
WILLIAM T. COLLINS, *Clerk.*

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Pursuant to an Order of said Court NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons having claims against the estate of Laura Francisca Buchanan, deceased, to present the same with vouchers to the undersigned on or before October 6, 1939, and all persons owing debts to said deceased are hereby notified to make payments of the same in due course to the undersigned.

EDWIN LESTER ARNOLD,
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FRANKLIN & HARRINGTON,
Attorneys for Administrator,
Shanghai, China. 11295

THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF SHANGHAI

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Will all members of Oxford or Cambridge who have not received a circular and who wish to attend the Dinner kindly communicate with the undersigned.

N. J. STABB, *Hon. Treas.,*
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A. KENDAL WARD,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Shanghai, March 20, 1939. 11594

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22 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Road, Public Lecture, 6
22 German A.D.C. 'Parkstrasse 13,' Lyceum, 9
22 1st Annual Dinner Dance, Missouri Society of China, Farren's Nursery
22 *Sir Harry Parkes died (1885)*
22 *Haiho River Conservancy Board constituted (1901)*

Coming Events
MARCH

23 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
23 Western (Extra-Settlement) Association ann. gen. meeting, 27 The Bund, 5
23 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture
23 V. Valin's gala performance, 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera by F. Lehar, Lyc., 8.45
23 B.U.S.C. Lecture by Dr. Blakelock on 'Immunity' at 114 Peking Road, at 6
23 For. Y. Debate: 'Social Service vs. Faith,' 9
24 'A' Coy., S.V.C., Annual Dance, C.S.F.
25 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
25 'The 12 Jolly Ones,' songs, dance and humour, American Women's Club, 9
25 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
26 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
26 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
27 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
28 B.U.S.C., Literary: 'Hebrew Poetry' by Rev. Brown, 4B Medhurst Apts., 5.30
28 A.W.C. bridge and mahjongg, 3
29 K.D.S. Ann. mtg. at 158 Edinburgh Rd., Tea 4.30, Business 5.30
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29 Ex-Gunners' Dinner, Cockpit
30 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
30 For. Y. Debate: 'Machine Enslaves Mankind,' 9
31 S'hai R.U.F.C. Dance, Country Club.
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1 Oxford & Cambridge Society Dinner
4 A.W.C. Library Tiffin, 12.30
5 Cathedral School Old Boys' Assn. Annual Dinner, Air Defence Club
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By Order of the Committee,
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Iranian New Year: The Day's Observances

To the Editor of the
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Sir,—The most natural and logical New Year for every individual is his birth anniversary, on which date he or she begins another cycle of life. It is, therefore, very befitting for us to celebrate annually the beginning of our life in this world, and we have a right to expect our friends to join us and to share our happiness. A nation, too, has individuality, and so must have had a birth or beginning of national life in the family of nations.

According to Father L. Dumas, of the Siccawei Observatory, the Vernal Equinox this year will take place on March 21 at 8 p.m. 28 min. 34 sec. (China Coastal Time), at which precise moment the Iranian National New Year begins and we Iranians, whether at home or abroad, will commence celebrating the solar phenomenon as the beginning of another new year which in the Iranian language we call "Nov-Rooz" (New Day). But as this year the Vernal Equinox occurs, in our local time, in the evening, March 22, therefore, will be the New Year day.

According to Firdausi, the greatest Iranian historian and epic poet, Nov-Rooz (The Vernal Equinox), was chosen as the beginning of the Iranian year as soon as the Iranians organized themselves into a kingdom and nation (in the present sense of the word) during the reign of Jemsheed.

The origin of this season phenomenon (Nov-Rooz) as referred to above is so mixed with legends and mythology, that it is not easy to state definitely what was its actual origin, but a study of the national customs and manner in which the Iranians celebrate the new year will lead one to the conclusion that it must have had a religious origin.

It is the prevalent custom in Iran for every housewife to grow various cereal vegetables, such as wheat, barley, pease, lentils, etc., in pots and plates some three or four weeks prior to the New Year and to decorate her festive table. The table is also decorated with various kinds of dry foods, such as onions, beans, peas, wheat, rice, coloured eggs and sweetmeats. I have mentioned the onion first because to the ancient races it had, beside its food and medicinal value, a mystic and symbolic meaning. To the ancients the onion represented the Universe. Its several layers represented the seven heavens encompassing each other, and the core, with its germinating capacity, represented the earth, as the centre of the Universe. It appears that these dry food decorations are a survival of the original religious offerings made to "Mehr" (Mithras) the Sun God, whose transition from the South to the North gave new life to the Northern hemisphere. It was quite logical for our ancestors to worship such a life-giver.

From this conception of the Sun Worship gradually evolved the great and far-reaching science of astronomy. I am then permitted to entertain the hope and belief that if from the worship of the Sun so great a beneficial science as astronomy has developed, how much greater developments and unthought of results may not be expected from the present modern religions which are expanding our spiritual and mental faculties a thousandfold, and I am sure will enable us to uncover secrets of nature and science hitherto unknown.

Returning to my subject of the Iranian New Year, I feel that the present new year will bring more happiness to the world. An Iranian poet says: "On this new year everyone celebrates only one, but I celebrate two holidays, one for the new year, and the other because my Beloved and I have settled our differences." The upheaval in Europe is subsiding, disarmament is again occupying the attention of the statesmen and there are hopeful indications that during the present year the differences between the two great and sister nations, Japan and China, will be settled to the satisfaction of both.

We Iranians feel specially gratified by the restoration of friendly relations between Iran and the United States and Iran and France.

Finally, this new year will bring for us Iranians a much greater happiness, as our beloved Crown Prince has announced his engagement to her Royal Highness, Princess Fawzia ("The Blessed") of Egypt. This union of the Beloved Prince and Princess of Iran and Egypt will undoubtedly bind in greater friendship and harmony a large area on the face of the globe.

It may be interesting to our friends to know that, according to the Iranian Constitution, the mother of a crown prince of Iran must be an Iranian girl, and in order to overcome this constitutional difficulty the Imperial Iranian Government has obtained parliamentary sanction and has granted Iranian nationality to Her Royal Highness Princess Fawzia, before her official engagement to His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Iran.

In conclusion, I wish to say that we Iranians as a race and nation are well aware that we owe even our very existence to the soldierly courage and far-sighted statesmanship of His Imperial Majesty Pahlevi, and therefore, if we consider His Imperial Majesty the great Cyrus of our era, and respect and love him as such, I am sure our friends will not think that I am being carried away by my emotions.

As we Iranians here in Shanghai wish joy and happiness to our friends on their New Year, so we are sure that our friends will wish us joy and happiness on this occasion of our New Year.

H. Touty.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

What is Religion?: The Teachings of Baha'u'llah

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—It is with a great deal of interest I have read in a clipping from the "North-China Daily News" of December 2 an article on "What is Religion?" and "What is its Aim?" This is a very learned and concise explanation of, no doubt, a person of capacity, as he believes in all the manifestations of God and is not confined to one religion but recognizes that the foundation of all religion is God, so when we believe in the oneness of God we are getting nearer to universal brotherhood.

If it were possible for everyone to understand the prophesies given us by God they would undoubtedly realize that all religion comes from one source. Believers in God and His teaching live in a higher vibration and are not so easily swayed by the material things around them. Baha'u'llah, our present day messenger from God, has given us many laws for the exigency of this time. Each time God has sent His messenger He has sent a special message applicable to the time in which He appears, so when we think of religion, we think of God, the foundation of all knowledge, no matter which messenger it comes to us through, it is always a progressive teaching to aid in the development of world problems for better living, more happiness and through all a better understanding of God's laws.

The "aim of religion" then is for the education of humanity, it gives us laws to live by and is an inspiration to guide us through sorrows, trials, tribulations, and makes for happiness and prosperity, in fact it helps us through all the phases of this earthly life, and gives us a hope of a future life and therefore is an inspiration to live a better life, according to God's teachings, here and now.

As suggested in the clipping you will find many of Baha'u'llah's laws in Esselmont's, "New Era."

On second thought, perhaps it would be interesting for you to know that the Baha'i Revelation has 12 basic principles to guide the people of the world to a standard development, the basis of the New World Order. Prejudices of all kinds must be forgotten, so that in the world of tomorrow all differences of race, country and religion will be forgotten and we will live in peace under the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and we will have a new world order.

Shoghi Effendi, the guardian of the cause of Baha'u'llah, tells us that "never, indeed, have there been such wide-spread and basic upheavals, whether in the social, economic or political spheres of human activities, as those now going on in different parts of the world, never have there been so many and varied sources of danger, as those that now threaten the structure of society."

Baha'u'llah gives us this gem for thought:

> The gift of God to this enlightened age is the knowledge of the oneness of mankind and the fundamental oneness of religion. War shall cease between the nations, and by the will of God, the most great peace shall come. The world shall be seen as a new world, and all men will live as brothers.

The awakening of man to his eternal reality can restore an unstabilized world to prosperity and sanity, the basis of which is the knowledge of the words of God and putting them into practice. The motives of men must be changed, this calls for a new and higher conscience.

No religious faith should suffer suppression or become a victim of intolerance, or a political butt; in other words, religion is an inspirational code to live by and its aim is for the exaltation of humanity.

Spiritual power will ultimately prevail, as it is the only power that endures.

Margaret H. Atwater.

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Gestapo Arrests: Another German's Views

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Allow me to give my opinion on Wolf Schenke's letter re "Gestapo Arrests."

I am German, not Jewish, and left Germany about two years ago. I don't want you to publish my name as I like my relatives to live further on in Germany.

I have been in Prague and met there quite a number of these so called "traitors," who seemed to me much better Germans than those governing Germany at the time being. They had to leave Germany as that was their only chance to serve their country in the future. The only delict to be claimed against these political refugees is, that they served their country before 1933. No other country would even think of arresting the members of a gone government as is the custom of the Gestapo.

Besides, I am absolutely sure that lots of Czechs are arrested by the "Gestapo." Most of Czechoslovakias inhabitants hated Germany with all their hearts and will go on to hate them until either all of them are killed or until there will be no more Gestapo in all Europe.

May I congratulate Mr. Schenke on the coup of his Fuehrer, hoping that Czechoslovakia will be rope enough to hang him.

German with still own ideas.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

There is Still Hope

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—If, as is so clearly argued at length in your correspondence columns today, the 12,000 prisoners who have been arrested by the Gestapo in Prague are not Czechs and Slovaks, but are really dyed-in-the-wool Germans who have had the courage to disapprove of the pleasant methods of the Nazi régime, knowing in advance the certain vicious penalty should they be apprehended, there is still hope for civilization, and that not solely from non-Germans.

Little Willie.

Shanghai, Mar. 20.

South Africa: Information Wanted

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—I shall be very grateful for information on living conditions in either Cape Town or Durban. The South African Trade Commissioner here has been extremely helpful but no doubt there are other points of view as for instance the opinion expressed in a letter from An Old China Bird which appeared in your esteemed paper in October last in which the writer says "we might just about compare heaven with hell as China and Africa." He also describes the Cape Dutch as very unpleasant people to live with and altogether gave one a very poor impression of the place.

What I wish to know is, whether either of the cities mentioned are possible to retire in; can one (or rather two) expect to be able to make a few congenial friends for a yarn or a game of bridge. In short can a couple who have lived in China for many years expect to find comfortable retirement in South Africa.

Additional information as to the prospects for the future of a boy of 17 would also be welcome.

Replies to this letter either printed or through your office, if you will extend this courtesy, will result in a subscription to some local charity fund.

Afrikaan.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

The Buses: Boarding Before Terminus

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Although I have not suffered as Exhausted has done from Chinese school children already on the bus when it arrives at the Palace Hotel stop, yet I have noticed that very often there are passengers already on the bus when it arrives, evidently having got on at some previous stop. If they have paid their fare to the terminus and are going to pay again from the Palace Hotel stop there is nothing to complain of—but I doubt if they have. There were four passengers already on the top deck of one bus yesterday evening at about 5.30.

Yesterday evening also as the passengers made a rush for a bus, they were checked by a Chinese woman descending the stairs—she had found it more convenient to remain on until the bus went round to the Palace Hotel. A little time ago a No. 1 bus did no trouble to stop at the Cathay for me and one other passenger, but took us on to the Palace stop. It suited me, so I did not complain. But what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander—a bus can hardly insist that everyone shall leave the bus at the terminus if, when it suits the bus to do so, it sometimes takes them on.

Seasoned Complainer.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

Gipsy Warning: Do Not Trust Him

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—One is glad to note the energy and patience with which the foreigners who have been forced to take refuge in Shanghai set about making a living; but here is an instance that is anything but laudable.

There is a man who has been calling on people and playing the following trick. He represents himself as a fruit merchant from Tsingtao, tells you that he has been asked by a Chinese friend of yours to present you with a box of fruit, that his shipment is held in the Customs, and asks for money to pay the duty on your box. Sometimes he varies the tale by representing that you once helped his son to obtain a position, or were kind to him in some way. If he gets the money he, of course, disappears. I know of five cases in which the trick has been worked.

The man is heavily built, bald-headed, quite honest in appearance. He speaks English with an accent. I took him for a German, but he said he was a Pole and that his name is Erowsky (both doubtful of course).

No doubt he is extending his enterprise, and therefore this letter, if you publish it, may serve to warn anyone whom he may approach.

F. R. Graves.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

Sausages: Names in Hong List

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—What rubbish some people do inflict on the public through your columns.

Contender in order to satisfy his passion for Shanghai-made sausages had only to turn up that vade-mecum of the local man, "the china hong list"-$10, in order to get the names of two makers—there are, I believe, others too.

Perhaps Contender was only trying to make a sly dig at the Telephone Company. Anyhow, his letter seems to me to be

Bologna or Boloney.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

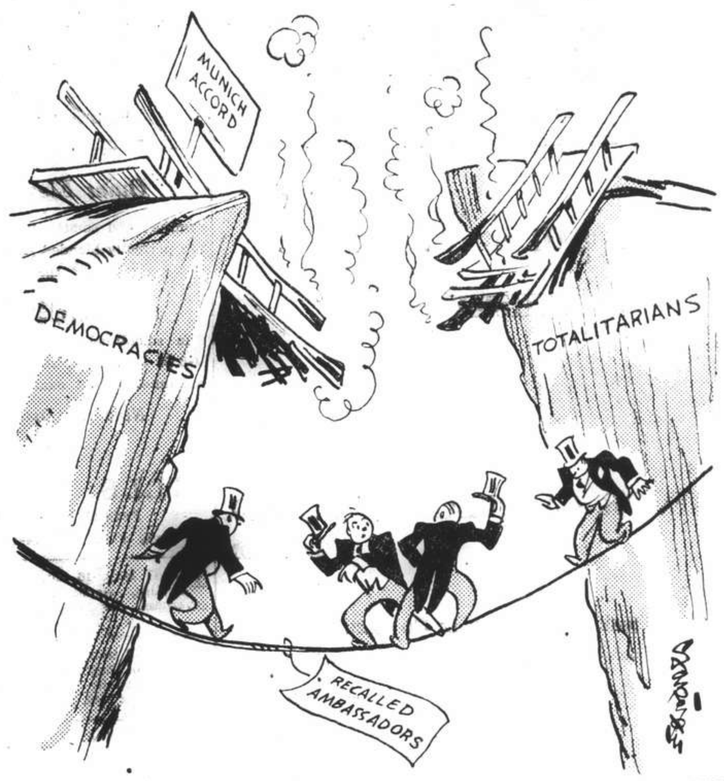
Sapajou's Cartoon: Praise from a Reader

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Permit me to congratulate Sapajou through the medium of your valuable columns on the excellent cartoon he has given your readers in this morning's issue. It should rank as a classic among cartoons.

Subscriber.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.



The Gutted Bridge

Nanking Plans to Denounce Britain

Conference of New Regime Head to Draft Manifesto Deploring Aid to Chiang

Nanking, Mar. 21.

Drafting of an anti-British declaration, means to promote Sino-Japanese peace, and the Haichow salt question will figure on the agenda of the fourth plenary session of the Joint Commission of the "Reformed" and "Provisional" Governments which will be convened here on March 30, it was revealed here today. Headed by Mr. Wang Keh-min, Chairman of the Executive Council, the Peiping delegation will arrive here on March 27.

The proposed declaration will denounce Britain's alleged assistance to the régime of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

Measures for an exchange of goods and materials to meet the needs of the areas under the administration of each Government will be worked out, while plans for the disposal of stocks of salt at Haichow will also be discussed. The date and particulars of the Fifth Session of the Commission will also come up for consideration, it was understood.

Mr. Wang and his entourage are expected to arrive here next Sunday or Monday by air, in time to attend the first anniversary of the foundation of the "Reformed Government," to be observed here next Tuesday.

A preparatory meeting of the Joint Commission is arranged for Wednesday, with a plenary session of the Fourth Joint Commission Conference due to be held on Thursday. Peiping delegates will fly back to the north on the following day.—Domei.

Soviet Spies Given Long Terms in U.S.

Los Angeles Judge Sends Intourist Manager to Jail

Los Angeles, Mar. 21.

Judge Ralph Jenney imposed heavy sentences on two Soviet espionage agents here late yesterday after they had been convicted of sending American naval intelligence documents regarding Japan to the Soviet Union.

M. Mikhail Gorin, former local manager of Intourist, Soviet travel agency, was sentenced to six years imprisonment and fined $10,000. Hafis Salich, naturalized Russian and former employe of the United States Navy, drew a sentence of four years' imprisonment and a $10,000 fine.—United Press.

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Japanese Conscription Law Changed

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Imperial sanction was secured by the Government yesterday for an ordinance putting into effect various provisions of the Revised Military Conscription Act approved by the Diet during its present session.

Three special classes of conscripts were abolished while selection was placed entirely on the basis of physical fitness. The period during which college and university students could obtain a delay in being summoned to the colours was shortened.

Abolished were the short-term recruits, consisting of primary school teachers with Normal School diplomas, whose term of enlistment was reduced to five months, instead of the regular period which may range from ten months to three years.

While under previous regulations, conscripts who passed their physical examination were exempt from service when they lacked height or were not drafted by lot, in the future selection will be solely on the basis of physical fitness.—Domei.

Fuehrer Decorates German Generals

Berlin, Mar. 20.

Reichsfuehrer Hitler has conferred the Golden Badge of Honour of the National Socialist Party on both General Walther von Brauschitsch and General Erich Keitel in recognition of their services in bringing to a successful conclusion the military operations in Bohemia and Moravia. General von Brauschitsch is the Supreme Commander of the German Army, and General Keitel chief of the Supreme Command of the Reich Defence Forces.—Trans-Ocean.

Seventy Years Ago

From the "North-China Daily News" of March 22, 1869.

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Eel	40	Shrimps	70
Samli	80	Carp	40
Lobster	1.40	Mandarin	40
Mackeret	40	Salmon	35
Prawns, each	10	Cod	35
White bait	35	Pomfret	40
Yellow fish	20-30		
Soles	25-30		
Cuttle Fish	15		

POULTRY GAME AND EGGS

		Teal ea.	35
Dee Snipe	25	Wild duck ea.	1.00
Pigeon	50	Fowl	60
Duck, each 2.00-3.00		Turkey	65
Chicken eggs	50-72	Woodcock	50
Chicken (young)	65	Goose ea.	3.50
		Wild pigeons	25

VEGETABLES

B'boo shoots	25	New Potatoes	8
Beans, French	25	Mushrooms	70-1.40
Rhubarb	30	Cauliflower	30-50
Beetroot	12	Horse radish	25
Big marrow	10	Leeks, bunch	8
Cucumber	20	Lettuce	20
Celery bunch	6	Onions Amer.	22
Cabbage	8	Onions, spr.	8
Carrots	10	Potatoes	8
Chillies	30	Potatoes Sweet	9
Egg-plant	20	Spinach	8
Endive, each	20	Tomatoes	40
Garlic	15	Turnips	8
Ginger	15	Green peas	15

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Lemon ea.	20	Apples	20-25
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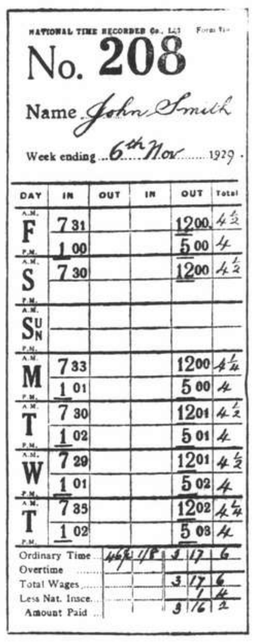

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12 LIVELYLIGHT Bay 13-0, N/119, S.R.C. 1938 griffin, has been placed, Classified Third Class.
13 GREY GRIFFIN A/191, 13-0, aged, "Y" Class, unstarted.
14 KOKKO Cream 13-1, A/288, "Y" Class, Tsingtao Race pony, winner and placed many times in Tsingtao.
15 BAY GRIFFIN A/46, 13-1, S.R.C. 1939 Sub-griffin, Unstarted, quiet to ride.
16 GOLD MEDAL Grey 13-1, P/51, has played polo and Good paper hunter, has been through 5 hunts this season. Owner reducing stable.
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Japanese Naval Spokesman Insists on Command Of Western Pacific; Commerce in China

By Percy Whiteing
"N.C.D.N." Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 17.

JAPAN has no intention of maintaining naval parity with Britain or the United States, Rear-Admiral Kanazawa, chief Navy spokesman, stated recently in amplification of statements in the Diet by the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai. Admiral Kanazawa said the Minister's statements have been sensationally misinterpreted in the press abroad.

What Japan must and will do, the spokesman said, is to get her navy ready so that it can meet, hypothetically, the greatest naval strength that any one other nation will be able to concentrate in the Far East. He stressed that his reference is to "any one other nation."

Japan's naval policy, Admiral Kanazawa said, is to make secure her command of the sea in the western Pacific for the purpose of facilitating the execution of her national policy, and as a matter of course Japan's national defence must be made secure. He declined to define what Japan regards as the boundary of the "western Pacific," as that is a matter involving naval strategy, which cannot be revealed.

Japan must preserve her security in naval defence, the spokesman continued, and therefore must maintain naval strength sufficient for defensive purposes, but not for offensive operations. He declined to define the Japanese navy's idea of the difference between a defensive navy and an offensive navy, as that is another secret of naval policy.

Admiral Kanazawa reiterated that Japan's naval plans are based on her well-known policy of "non-menace and non-aggression."

The spokesman emphasized that while Japan's present naval policy is as outlined, and she is not now building up to parity with the British and American navies, nothing can be said regarding the more distant future, and she does not by any means abandon the right, maintained at the last London Naval Conference, to build to parity with any nation when the necessity to do so arises.

The world's naval situation is now very acute, Admiral Kanazawa pointed out, and too much public discussion is likely to lead to undue stimulation of public feeling and misunderstandings. This particularly applies, he remarked, to statements made in Washington by Admiral Leahy, American chief of naval operations, who is reported to have said, commenting on Admiral Yonai's statement, "that if Japan intends to build a navy equal to that of any other power, the United States must build up a still more powerful fleet, strong enough to repulse attack by any combination." So he (Admiral Kanazawa) would refrain from commenting on Admiral Leahy's remarks, he said.

Amoy Mainland Prosperous

Though Aeroplanes Bombed Cities, People Continue Their Daily Labours

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Kulangsu, Mar. 7.

Changchow and Chuanchow were visited by aeroplanes last week and bombs dropped upon them. One bomb at Chuanchow fell on the godown of the local agent of Messrs. Gibson & Co. and injured two of the employees. At Chanchow bombs fell on the aerodrome and did no damage. The purpose of these recent attacks seems to be to frighten the people only and, if possible, drive them from their homes, thus affecting business conditions. The whole countryside seems flourishing. In fact the seizure of Amoy has not affected the inland cities in the slightest. The Japanese occupied areas, as Amoy, seem withered by a pestilence, but territory still occupied by the Chinese is bustling with life and activity, and is very much alive, indeed.

Changchow has three cinemas running daily and every hotel in the place seemed full of visitors. Food everywhere is cheap and abundant. Even Shanghai beer can be purchased in the smallest towns and villages. The business that is carried on today at Chuanchow is almost equal in volume to that carried on in Amoy before its occupation by the Japanese. In the latter city there are more than 100 lodging houses sending passengers to the south and the various shipping firms have permanent resident stationed there.

Many overseas Chinese have come with money and are buying extensively dried fruit and crude sugar which is extensively shipped away. The farming people were living peacefully and planting their fields assiduously; business has been resumed everywhere and in many cases is carried on by the refugees who fled from Amoy.

Prosperity and Trade

An atmosphere of prosperity and trade fills the countryside. There seems to be more activity generally and more business than ever before. Motor buses make three, four trips daily between Chuanchow and Foochow and every time are crowded with passengers. From Chuanchow a linking motor-bus system is maintained through Yungchun, Tajhwa, Taicheng to Yunnon, the new provincial Fukien capital. Travel and transportation between the Chuanchow and adjoining areas is easier and much more convenient than ever it was before. In all places, outside those held by the Japanese prosperity and plenty reigns.

Except for the number of men seen in military uniform, and the constant vigilance and examinations of baggage and personal papers, one could never imagine that an enemy had bombed these cities intensively a few months ago and had even dropped bombs a few days ago. The war is felt only along the coasts. The difference that the short peace respite has made on the country is marvellous and shows how quickly China would recover, if left in peace, from the merciless assaults that she has sustained from her assailant.

German Crack Liners For Latin America

Shift from New York Run Follows Trade Decrease

New York, Mar. 21.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd has decided to withdraw its two crack trans-Atlantic liners Bremen and Europe from the North American run, to the South.

The decision was due, according to well-informed quarters, to the huge drop in the line's passenger traffic, while a considerable decrease is expected in the freight trade following the customs surtax of 25 per cent. placed on German goods. Other reasons given are Germany's fear that the two vessels would be seized by the American Government in the event of a conflict in Europe, and the desire to flatter the South American nations with whom the Reich wishes more than ever to tighten her economic relations.—Havas.

Oxygen Used in Stratosphere Flight

Ten residents of Chicago recently assisted in an experiment by Northwest Airlines to obtain data on the use of individual masks connected with oxygen tanks, while flying at high altitudes. When the plane was five miles high, temperature outside was 40 degrees below zero—inside it was comfortable. Picture shows passengers before the flight began.

Bombers Damage Kweiyang

Catholic Church Struck And Priest Injured; Three Cinemas Destroyed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Kweiyang, Kwei., Feb. 17.

In my last letter I remarked that it looks as if the Japanese bombers who came on the 4th instant, aimed to smash the business section of the city specially as Government Offices were for the most part unharmed. But a more careful examination of the areas affected lead me to modify that statement. The Provincial (Civil) headquarters only just missed being bombed while the police office and the office of the financial commissioner were somewhat damaged. Headquarters of the Pacification Commissioner too were only just missed.

The fact is that the planes flew very high to avoid being struck by the anti-aircraft guns with the result that the bombs largely missed their objective. It is rather remarkable that the three leading cinema theatres were entirely destroyed while the Catholic South Church was bombed and considerably damaged, a Chinese priest being slightly injured and it is generally thought that the bombs were not intended for their compound. The C.I.M. street chapel on Golden Well Street, was destroyed in the fire from incendiary bombs.

Necessaries Available

Business men are already preparing to start business again; indeed a number have displayed their wares on stalls along the main streets while plans are on foot to put up temporary houses and shops on the old sites in some cases. Quite a number of firms, evidently anticipating the possibility of air-raids had distributed their goods in various parts of the city with the result that it is possible to purchase necessaries; but of course there is a great shortage and prices continue to go up.

Very many families have moved most of their things, furniture, clothing and bedding to country places away from the city, while on the mornings large crowds stream out of the city to escape another raid, coming back to the city in the late afternoons. For some days now, we have had cold, wet days which have resulted in the raiders being unable to come.

Many refugees from other provinces have now removed to other cities and towns in the province, so that rice has gone down a little in price, but on the whole, living is certainly very high and there is very much suffering.

Rebuilding Begun

February 28.

The Provincial Government is already taking steps for the rebuilding of the buildings destroyed and it has been rather a problem to many why there should be so much hurry in view of what seemed to be the probability of further bombings in the not distant future by Japanese planes.

It now appears that the Central Government has determined to provide adequate protection for this city against further raids. I am told that already 27 planes have arrived here and that anti-aircraft guns are being added so as to make it dangerous for enemy bombers if they should decide to come again. Only today I saw several of these planes flying over and around the city.

Chinese say that the eighteen Japanese planes which came had Italian pilots; how they know this I cannot tell and it may be pure guesswork. Chinese say too that the Chinese planes now here are U.S.A. make with American pilots. I cannot say anything as to the truth of this, but it seems likely.

No Weakening of Morale

While the great mass of the people flee to the country when an air-raid alarm sounds, I do not see indications of any weakening of the morale of the people as a result of the raid earlier this month. Whether such would be manifest if repeated raids took place I do not know. Certainly the coming of the Chinese planes will tend to restore confidence if they remain as a permanent guard to the city. One would think that with Kweiyang well protected, Chungking and Kunming will be more secure.

What makes one feel sore is the really brutal way in which the country people and poorer people generally are conscripted while sons of those better off seem to shirk all responsibility as to joining up to fight for their country. They can shout loud enough—but what is gained by that?

Air-Raids Feared by Taichow Residents

Kiangsu Population Carries On Without Concern

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Taichow, Ku., Mar. 13.

Since the reported capture of Tsingkiangpu, Haichow and Hwaianfu by the Japanese there has been considerable excitement in Taichow. Wild tales are heard on every hand and the fear of air-raids is great. Many of the people, however, still go on about their ordinary affairs even if they do jump when a match is scratched unexpectedly. One can hardly blame them for this for what has happened to other places may well happen here.

Crops in this section look good. The farmer has learned what the good earth was made for and what it can produce and it takes more than rumours of war to make him forsake the fields which have supplied his needs for so many generations. In fact if one takes a walk through the outskirts of the city and sees the wheat and beans growing just as they always did it is hard to realize that the country is actually fighting for her existence.

Bible Conference

Mr. Cheo Tzi-yiu of Shanghai has been in this city for ten days attending the annual Bible Conference. Mr. Cheo spoke twice every day except Sundays when he spoke three times to big congregations who were much moved by his earnest and faithful presentation of the Gospel of Christ. From Taichow Mr. Cheo went to Yangchow where he will continue his labours in a series of meetings under the auspicies of the C.I.M. The conference at Taichow showed the largest number in attendance of any of the conferences ever held in this city.

If the weather were warmer the rain could make some think that the rainy season was here. But this is spring which reminds one what different meanings a word has in different parts of the world. Spring in Mississippi means a balmy air full of romance, poetry and full of the joy of living, but spring in Taichow causes shivers to run up and down the spine and makes one hug the fire and put his wet shoes under the stove to dry.

The Rev. Lewis Lancaster has been ill for three months with typhoid fever but is now able to be out of bed. He is slowly regaining his strength but it will probpably still be two or more months before he can take up his regular work.

German Pressure on Norway Denied

Foreign Minister Says Paris Report False

Oslo, Mar. 21.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Halvdan Koht, who returned here yesterday from a several days' visit to Paris where he lectured at Sorbonne University, categorically denied reports by the French press alleging that Germany twelve days ago had tried to bring pressure on Norway to join Germany politically and economically.

The Foreign Minister declared that neither he personally nor the Norwegian Foreign Ministry had ever heard a single word of this and pointed out that such press reports should be read with the greatest skepticism.—Trans-Ocean.

Hongkong Trade Reviewed

Unprecedented Total Last Year; Gradual Decline Since Fall of Canton

From Our Own Correspondent

Hongkong, Mar. 14.

During the year 1938, Hongkong's trade (excluding treasure) with China reached the record figure of H. K. $463,991,816 which is equivalent to 41 per cent. of the Colony's unprecedented total of H. K. $1,130,-071,214.

Averaging HK.$38,665,985 a month in 1938, the Colony's China trade declined to H.K.$23,816,362 during January, 1939, a drop of nearly H.K. $15 millions. The shrinkage did not come with the New Year but had started since October of last year as shown by the following figures.

Total value of Hongkong's trade with China for 1938:

January	H.K. $36,327,462
February	$32,421,518
March	$56,098,206
April	$52,103,987
May	$47,085,749
June	$36,330,223
July	$33,467,020
August	$34,511,954
September	$46,508,660
October	$28,363,569
November	$37,287,371
December	$23,479,895
Monthly average for 1938	H.K. $33,665,985
Monthly average for the first nine months	$41,690,998
Monthly average for the last three months	$29,710,945

Abrupt and substantial, the shrinkage was synchronized with Japan's invasion of South China during the beginning of October. The October and December figures were the lowest in 1938 and the seemingly satisfactory figure for November was accidential, due to the abnormally big volume of the China tea trade through Hongkong.

An examination of appropriate figures concerning the distribution of the Colony's trade with China will throw much light on the cause and the extent of the shrinkage with respect to the different areas of China.

	Total value in 1938
North China	H.K. $178,122,726
Central China	46,645,127
South China	245,212,963

Most striking was the sudden and sharp decreases in the Colony's trade with South China since October and more particularly as from November. The January figure is the lowest since the Chinese boycott of British trade in 1925, when Hongkong was considered almost a dead city.

Effect of Pearl River Closure

Hongkong's shrinking trade with China has, therefore, been accounted for by Japan's extension of military operations to South China and specially by her subsequent refusal to re-open the Pearl River to non-Japanese shipping. Hongkong's trade with South China which had always ranked first among the Colony's trading countries, is unlikely to recover so long as the Pearl River remains closed, and may even suffer further deterioration if fighting spreads into the interior.

For over a year before the fall of Canton, Hongkong was the trading centre of China as the bulk of North and Central China's exports and imports was diverted from their prewar channels to Hongkong through the Hankow-Canton-Kowloon Railway. Typical of the diverted traffic via Hongkong was China tea, of which during last year the Colony imported H.K.$16,926,951 and exported H.K.$16,-920,814, about H.K.$9,000,000 of which went to Russia via Vladivostok.

The interruption of traffic on the Hankow-Canton Railway following the fall of the two terminal cities has militated against Hongkong's importance as an intermediary in China's trade with foreign countries. So far the Colony's trade with North and Central China is still on a high level, but a gradual decline is likely and for two important reasons. Firstly, owing to the Japanese blockade of the China coast, the foreign trade of independent China tends to flow in increasing volume through the Kunming-Haiphong route and the newly opened Burma-Yunnan Highway. Secondly, Japan's stranglehold on North and Central China has been tightened through currency manœuvres, foreign exchange control and trade restrictions, all of which have the effect of severing their economic ties with Hongkong.

Soochow Missionaries Secure Property

Japanese Return Buildings Held by Them

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Soochow, Mar. 16.

Old customs and practices have been much in evidence this winter. On the occasion of setting up spring a big parade, colourful in many of its aspects, was witnessed by a huge crowd. In twenty years this city has not seen such a celebration. Those desiring to see the old reinstated must have been fully satisfied with the result on this particular occasion.

Christian churches are meeting a situation and a response that encourages a hope that the old institution may again minister to men's heart needs. Evangelistic services have been well attended and the crowds have been most attentive.

Soochow University and Laura Haygood School were returned last week by the Japanese Army and it is not yet known, what use will be made of the property. Necessary repairs to protect them are in progress. If the fine spirit in which the unit returned the property can be taken as an indication much can be expected in the final adjustment of the occupation of the property.

Recently there has been a fresh influx of country people into the city due to unbearable conditions created by robbers and some claiming to be guerillas. One cannot help wondering what will happen if this condition persists. The farmer has it hard under the very best of conditions, and then add to his lot robbers and the uncertainly created by guerilla warfare and his lot is indeed hard.

The mines placed in the West River, Kwangtung, near the Shoukeng-Hsiehsha sectors, have been considerably strengthened, under orders from the Kwaungtung military authorities, says a Hongkong Chinese message. The step has been taken in view of the high tide, of which the Japanese might take advantage to pass the river boom areas.

Bulgaria and Turkey In Closest Accord

Peaceful Aspirations Of Both Stressed

Ankara, Mar. 20.

The full understanding on foreign policy between Ankara and Sofia, and the peaceful attitude of both nations were emphasized in an official communique published here following the conclusion of conversations between Turkish statesmen and visiting Bulgarian Premier, M. Georg Kusseivanov.

"In presence of the events which recently took place in Europe, Turkey and Bulgaria feel especially gratified at the solidarity existing between these two countries and note with satisfaction that their common attitude constitutes a factor of peace not only for the Balkans but also for Europe at large. As in the past, exchanges of views will take place between Sofia and Ankara every time such consultations will be warranted by problems of common interests—the most prominent of which is the maintenance of peace.

"Both countries are deeply satisfied with the friendly relations prevailing between their Governments, which have been further consolidated and extended during the visit here of M. Georg Kusseivanov" the communique concluded.—Havas.

Graduation ceremonies were observed in six Japanese schools administered by the Japanese Resident's Corporation on Sunday morning, with four primary schools, one girls' high school, and one industrial night school participating.

HOW TO DEAL WITH A NAUGHTY CHILD

Punishment is sometimes neither fair nor effective when dealing with a naughty child. Are there not days when you yourself feel irritable, morose, at variance with the world in general? Days when you are 'out-of-sorts.'

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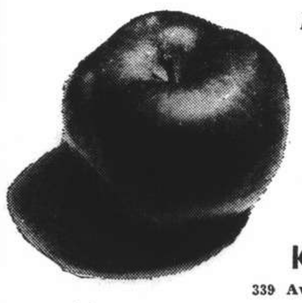
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THE SPORTS PAGE

Lincolnshire Handicap Today

Domaha Rules as Favourite at 8-1 for First Major Event of Flat Racing Season at Home

WITH the opening of the flat racing season in England, turf followers today are turning their eyes towards Lincoln where the Lincolnshire Handicap, the first major event of the season, is to be run over a distance of one mile. Domaha at 8-1 is a fairly pronounced favourite with Galsonia and Aldine following respectively in the order of popularity. The one-mile race was won last year by Phakos by three-quarters of a length from Zaimis who is entered again this year and priced at 25-1.

London, Mar. 21.

The following are the latest call-overs for the Lincolnshire Handicap, to be run at Lincoln tomorrow over one mile, and the Grand National, to be run at Aintree on Friday, over four miles, 856 yards:—

Lincolnshire Handicap

8-1 Domaha
100-9 Galsonia
100-6 Aldine, taken and offered
18-1 Mahalo offered, 20-1 taken
20-1 Rosetown offered, 22-1 taken
20-1 Temeraire offered, 25-1 taken
20-1 Halcyon Gift offered, 25-1 taken
22-1 St. Andrews, taken and offered
22-1 Daily Bread offered, 25-1 taken
25-1 Zaimis, taken and offered
25-1 Dark Tolly offered
28-1 Agincourt, taken and offered
28-1 Davy Dolittle offered
33-1 Dundee, taken and offered
50-1 Croiseun offered, 66-1 taken
50-1 Sir Pomm offered, 66-1 taken

Grand National

7-1 Kilstar, taken and offered
10-1 Workman offered, 100-9 taken
100-9 Royal Danieli, taken and offered
13-1 Teme Willow offered, 14-1 taken
100-6 Royal Mail offered, 18-1 taken
18-1 Rock Quilla
20-1 Brendan's Cottage offered
22-1 Underbid, taken and offered
22-1 Cooleen offered, 25-1 taken
22-1 MacMoffat offered
30-1 Inversible offered, 33-1 taken
—Reuter.

Lincolnshire Starters

London, Mar. 20.

Following is an amended list of probable starters, with their jockeys, for the Lincolnshire Handicap, to be run at Lincoln on March 22 over one mile:—

Galsonia (Cliff Richards); Domaha (Gordon Richards); Aldine (Robertson); Mahalo (Mullins); Dark Tolly (Richardson); Burgundian (Nevett); Zaimis (Sirett); Rosetown (Gilbert); St. Andrews (Gethin); Smy (Harry Wragg); Temeraire (Sam Wragg); Agincourt (E. Smith); Davy Dolittle (Beasley); Halcyon Gift (Gardner); Daily Bread (Christie); Dundee II (Roberts); Flaxman (Taylor); Tap Dancer (Hawcroft); Pantryman (Maher); Squadron Castle (Mitchell); Croiseu (Beary); Noble Turk (D. Smith); Mickey Bulger (Weston); Malmsey (Bartlam); Septugint (Jas Doyle); San Marco (Packham); Finden (Dyson); Monico (Doyle); Sir Pomm (Wells); Holty Toity (W. Couch); Crystal Palace (Griggs); Lincolnshire (Littlewood); Horatio (Burns, Jnr.); Lodestar (Clayton); Labora (Eddery); Couleur de Rose (Young); Accius (Dick); Love Dancer (Lane).—Reuter.

Jovial Judge Scratched

London, Mar. 21.

Jovial Judge has been scratched from the Grand National Steeple Chase Race, which will be run at Aintree on Friday.—Reuter.

Striking Record in Ten-Pin League

Deegan Scores Triple of 657 to Boost His Team Into Championship

Establishing a new triple mark in the local Ten Pins Championship with 657 last night in the third and final round of the Mixed Doubles Competition on the Shanghai Race Club alleys, Jimmy Deegan and Miss Hykes ran out winners by outnumbering Miss McIntyre and Fielden, leaders in the first two round, by six pins at 3,022 to 2,996.

The champions finished second in the opening round and dropped to fourth place after the second contest. Last night Deegan displayed unusual form, tallying three fine singles of 210, 232 and 215. Miss Hykes showed fair form, tripling 418.

Miss McIntyre and Fielden failed to maintain their old form and were seen dropping quite heavily, gaining 459 and 461 respectively.

Results were:

Miss Hykes	131	133	154	418	
Deegan	210	232	215	657	
				1,075	3,022
Miss McIntyre	145	154	160	459	
Fielden	141	171	149	461	
				920	2,996
Mrs. McDonnell	169	163	157	510	
Hilden	156	166	146	458	
				968	2,971
Mrs. Malleck	173	130	176	499	
Ross	220	170	176	566	
				1,065	2,963
Mrs. Collaco	182	165	114	461	
Watton	191	223	164	578	
				1,039	2,945
Mrs. Hale	143	148	136	427	
Hale	150	119	170	439	
				866	2,871
Mrs. Davis	152	158	126	436	
Huebner	163	191	183	537	
				973	2,782
Mrs. Johnston	129	131	125	385	
Winecoff	202	176	164	542	
				927	2,755
Mrs. Mortimer	120	133	143	396	
Larcher	145	192	162	499	
				895	2,717
Mrs. Putnam	117	131	148	396	
Blake	172	144	166	482	
				878	2,707
Mrs. Jensen	139	113	122	374	
Morang	151	175	175	501	
				875	2,703
Miss Greenberg	114	140	128	382	
Chanturai	146	209	142	497	
				879	2,698
Miss Volein	108	115	123	346	
Gonsalves	157	139	171	466	
				812	2,693
Miss Donaldson	120	137	122	379	
Dalton	199	160	128	487	
				866	2,675
Mrs. Fischer	159	116	136	411	
Eisenhut	125	177	211	513	
				924	2,662
Miss Rybb	139	134	146	419	
Katz	153	136	138	427	
				846	2,660
Mrs. Allen	115	115	116	346	
Allen	176	136	153	465	
				811	2,658
Mrs. Deegan	139	132	117	387	
Robinson	172	161	178	481	
				868	2,651
Mrs. Rosse	113	113	118	344	
Butler	160	177	174	511	
				856	2,649

Local Volleyballers Jump Into Action

League Competition to Begin Tonight

The 11th Annual Invitation Volleyball League at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. will get underway tonight with a programme of one match in the Women's Section and two in the Men's.

The Women's Sports Section of the "Y" will play Betar in the opening contest, beginning at 7.15 p.m. The W.S.S. were the champions in the Erin Villa League at the Navy "Y" two weeks ago and should be rated as one of the strong contenders.

The second match will be Second Division encounter between Russian Club and Blue Black, starting at 8 p.m., while the third and last tussle will be a First Division competition between the Foreign "Y" and Fong Kong "A".

Irish Sweep Prize to Shanghai Man

A telegram from Dublin last night stated that Mr. Zau Zang-tshung of the Bank of East Asia in Shanghai had won £100 on the Irish Sweepstake ticket AD 69173.

Rugby Union Matches

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 20.

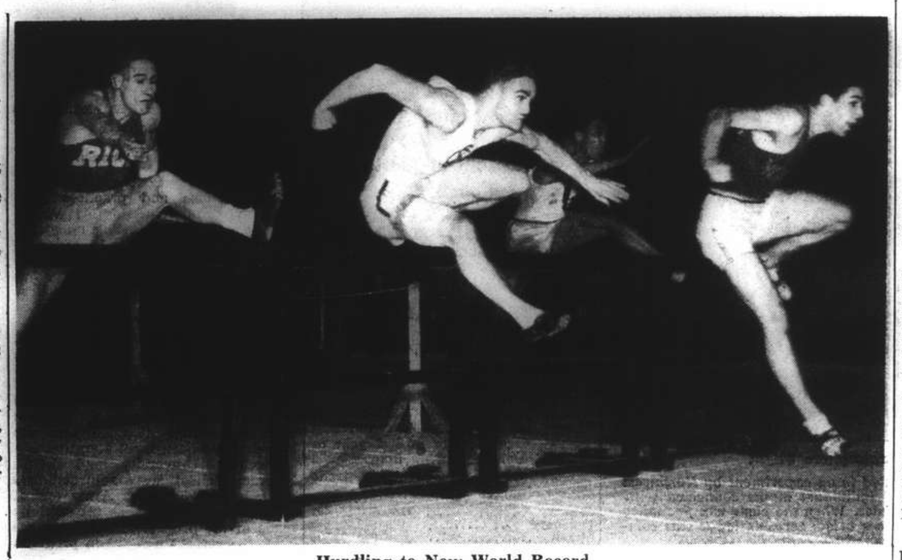
The following are the results of Rugby Union matches played today:—

Oxford University 10, Neath 6
Crosskeys 14, Newport 10
Llanelly 6, Swansea 3.—Reuter.

Home Soccer Result

London, Mar. 20.

Sheffield Wednesday drew at home with Chesterfield in a 2nd Division football match today, the score being 0-0.—Reuters.



Hurdling to New World Record

A new world record for the 65-metre high hurdles was in the making when this photograph was taken at the National Indoor Championships in Madison Square Garden recently. Allan Tolmich (right), Detroit timber-topper, is shown taking the obstacles in flawless form to capture the victory and set the new mark of 8.4 seconds. Ray Staley (centre) of Southern California A.A. was second; Fred Walcott (left) of Rice Institute, Texas, third.

Auditors Defeat Local Banks

Take Substantial Lead In Commercial Ten-Pin League Tournament

A slight improvement was seen in the second week's play of the newly-formed Commercial Ten Pins League on Monday evening. The highest single was registered by Newell of the Banks with 228 while Messersmith of the Headquarters, U.S. Marines, gained the best triple of 574.

Playing in the Hardwood Section, the Auditors scored a second clean-cut victory over the Banks to establish a good lead in that section of the championship. The Auditors won the second game by the narrowest of margin, 915-914, and were credited with putting up the highest single as well as the highest triple of 2,576 yet made in the competition.

The First Battalion U.S. Marines scored a second 2-1 victory over the Automobiles while the Insurance men lost to the Brokers by an identical margin, thereby placing the Marines, Brokers and Insurance in a tie for second place.

HARDWOOD SECTION

Auditors (3)	843	915	810	2,756
Banks (0)	773	914	738	2,415
"Y" Secretaries (2)	763	753	777	2,293
Texaco (1)	746	857	693	2,293
Brokers (2)	834	810	823	2,467
Insurance (1)	739	813	784	2,336
1st Bn. Marines (2)	787	722	776	2,285
Automobiles (1)	773	672	819	2,264

SOFTWOOD SECTION

Exporters (2)	822	843	829	2,494
Accountants (1)	893	818	779	2,490
Post-Mercury (2)	712	793	835	2,340
Chemicals (1)	824	744	751	2,359
2nd Bn. Marines (3)	880	843	897	2,530
Yee Tsoong (0)	749	753	729	2,231
Hq. Marines (2)	854	829	809	2,492
Telephones (1)	741	844	771	2,356

Present Standings

HARDWOOD SECTION

	Won	Lost
Auditors	6	0
Brokers	4	2
1st Bn. Marines	4	2
Insurance	4	2
"Y" Secretaries	2	4
Texaco	2	4
Automobiles	1	5
Bankers	1	5

SOFTWOOD SECTION

2nd Bn. Marines	6	0
Exporters	5	1
Headquarters Marines	4	2
Chemicals	3	3
Post-Mercury	3	3
Accountants	2	4
Telephones	1	5
Yee Tsoong	0	6

77-Round Bout to Knockout

Five-Hour Battle in Rain, Sleet and Snow

St. Louis, Mar. 19.

In sharp contrast to the brief Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis fight for the world's heavyweight championship is the 77-round bout in little Nameoki, Ill., 47 years ago between Harry Sharpe and Frank Crosby, longest fight under Marquis of Queensberry rules to end in a knock-out.

Stripped to their waists and wearing light trunks and gymnasium shoes, they started the match in a drizzling rain shortly after 4 p.m. on the afternoon of February 2, 1892. Before Sharpe scored a knock-cut at 9.18 p.m., falling temperatures had turned the rain into sleet and snow. The final rounds were fought in the light of election campaign torches.

After each three-minute round the fighters, who used three-ounce gloves and no bandages, returned to their corners and were covered with heavy blankets for a one-minute rest.

When the fight ended both boxers were covered with cuts and bruises and had to receive medical treatment for ten days. Neither was seriously hurt, but Sharpe says Crosby later developed a speech impediment, probably resulting from a hard blow.

Most of the spectators were from the two cities and the admission price was included in the transportation charge.

Promoters of the fight and others who helped in the arrangements also were indicted on charges of "aiding, assisting and abetting" the fight, fined $200 each and sentenced to three months in jail.—United Press.

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Eyston Plans to Beat 357 M.P.H. Record

London, Mar. 20.

Capt. G. E. T. Eyston, holder of the land speed record of 357.5 m.p.h., is planning a new car with which he will defend his title of "The fastest man on earth," it is reported in London.

Although Thunderbolt, his record-breaking car, is capable of even greater speeds than those achieved at Utah, last year, Eyston is planning the new car with an entirely fresh design.—Reuter.

Irish Sweepstakes

Bubling, Mar. 20.

Drawings in the Irish Hospital's Sweepstakes in connection with the Grand National opened today. Total receipts, according to an official statement, amount to £2,428,547 or which £1,342,100 goes into the prize fund.

Mr. J. H. An, employe of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. in Tientsin, drew a probable starter in War Vessel.—United Press.

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22	Cooleen	(Mr. J. V. Rank)	*Sclater*	*Fawcus*	11	11	8
18	Rickquilla	(Ld. Bicester)	*Beeby*	*Carey*	9	11	7
25	Jovial Judge	(Mr. J. L. Jarvis)	*T. R. Leader*	*Goodwill*	9	11	4
20	Brendans Cottage	(Mrs. A. Smith-Bingham	*Beeby*	*Owen*	9	11	2
28	Dominick's Cross	(Mr. A. Donn)	*W. Payne*	*Everett*	8	11	1
13	Teme Willow	(Sir E. Hanmer)	*Rimell*	*Rimell*	8	10	13
33	Perfect Part	(Ld. Acton)	*F. Brown*	*Ward*	9	10	13
25	Red Hillman	(Ld. Latymer)	*F. Brown*	*Folwy*	9	10	12
25	Luck Penny	(Mrs. H. M. Hollins)	*W. Payne*	*Major Moseley*	10	10	12
33	St. George II	(Mr. A. J. G. Leveson Gower)	*Briscoe*	*Mr. Petre*	10	10	11
50	Black Hawk	(Mrs. C. Jones)	*Goldsmith*	*Moloney*	8	10	8
30	Inversible	(Col. W. E. Peel)	*Wight*	*Hogan*	11	10	7
33	War Vessel	(Mrs. M. Scott)	*R. Hobbs*	*Farwin*	6	10	7
10	Workman	(Sir A. Maguire)	*Ireland*	*Hyde*	9	10	6
25	Red Freeman	(Mr. W. U. Goodbody)	*P. Thrale*	*Redmond*	8	10	5
40	Second Act	(Mrs. A. A. Sidney Villar)	*Powell*	*Dowdeswell*	8	10	5
33	Blue Shirt	(Mr. A. Sainsbury)	*H. Smyth*	*Smyth*	8	10	4
25	Montrejeau II	(Lady Granard)	*Briscoe*	*Nicholson*	9	10	4
22	Macmoffat	(Capt. I. S. Briggs)	*Private*	*Alder*	7	10	3
33	Milano	(Mrs. L. E. Stoddard)	*L. Anthony*	*Stoddard*	8	10	3
7	Kilstar	(Miss D. Paget)	*O. Anthony*	*Archibald*	8	10	3
20	Bachelor Prince	(Mr. J. V. Rank)	*H. Brown*	*Isaac*	12	10	2
33	West Point	(Mr. P. D. Cullinan)	*Ireland*	*Brogan*	6	10	2
50	Deslys	(Mr. S. G. R. Barratt)	*Lyde*	*March*	10	10	1
22	Under Bid	(Sir H. de Trafford)	*Whitaker*	*Wilson*	7	10	0
33	Sporting Piper	(Mr. R. Strutt)	*P. Thrale*	*Elder*	8	10	0
40	Birthgift	(Mr. N. Dixon)	*Bissill*	*McNeill*	8	10	0
33	Scotch Wood	(Mr. A. Gillson)	*Freake*	*Capt Herbert*	9	10	0
33	Lucky Patch	(Mr. N. E. Dixon)	*Mercer*	*Pringle*	9	10	0
33	Tuckmill	(Mr. W. V. Stokes)	*C. Kelly*	*Kelly*	9	10	0
40	Symaethis	(Mr. A. Sainsbury)	*G. Langlands*	*Feakes*	7	10	0
50	Drim	(Mr. J. Morris)	*P. Thrale*	*Morris*	12	10	0
33	Pencraik	(Mr. A. Pilkington)	*Goode*	*Gordon*	12	10	0
50	Mesmerist	(Mr. A. E. Berry)	*Gosden*	*Capt. Harding*	8	10	0
33	Epiphanes	(Mr. A. J. Bridgman)	*Bridgman*	*Mr. Alphine*	7	0	0

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Transfer of Cheetham from Rangers Causes Surprise

London, Mar. 20.

Within an hour, Brentford spent £15,000 on two London footballers—Tom Cheetham, Queen's Park Rangers' centre-forward and Leslie Boulter, Charlton Athletic inside-left.

Since they transferred McCulloch and Eastham early in the season, Brentford have been carrying out an intensive search for class players to take their places. Meanwhile the team has been languishing near the foot of the table and these transfers are hoped to ease the club's position.

The transfer of Cheetham is the bigger surprise in London football circles as Queen's Park Rangers had turned down several substantial offers for him. When Birmingham among other clubs sought his transfer, The Rangers announced that they were not prepared to let him go.—Reuter.

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London, Mar. 20.

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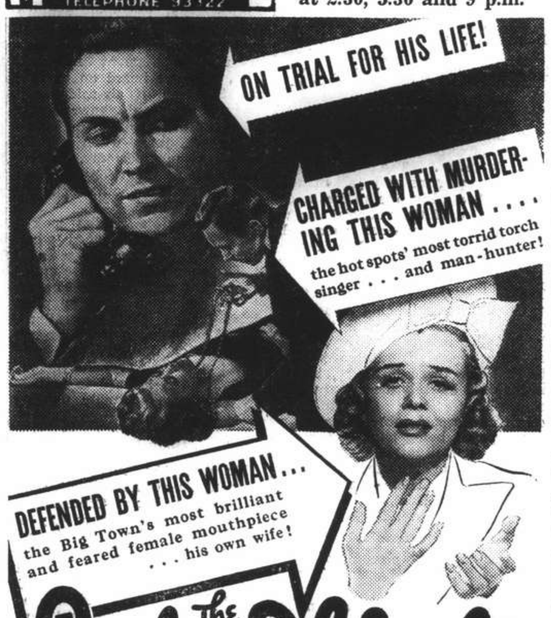
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Land Investment Co. Meeting

Broadway Mansion Sale Confirmed; Difficulties In Emergency Stressed

The fact that Broadway Mansions and adjoining garages have been sold to Japanese interests for a sum of $5,100,000 was officially made public by Mr. H. E. Arnhold, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., during his speech yesterday morning at the annual meeting held at the company's head office at 100 Jinkee Road. The chairman in his speech said:

The year under review has been a difficult one and it is, I think, satisfactory that we have made a small profit of $142,085.36, as compared with a loss of $308,601.74 for 1937. This profit is due to better results obtained during the second half of the year; the first half January/June, resulted in a loss on working of $74,000 without providing any sum for depreciation of buildings, during that period, whilst the period July/December, on the same basis, produced a profit of $327,000.

It is a matter for regret that the Japanese authorities have not yet allowed free and unrestricted entry into the northern and eastern areas of the International Settlement. Your company owns large estates in those areas and it will continue to be impossible to show a full return on your assets there until such time as free ingress and egress are allowed.

Broadway Mansions Sale

Before dealing with the Accounts I would like to refer to Broadway Mansions. As notified in the press, this property and the adjoining garages have been sold to Japanese interests for a sum of $5,100,000, less the customary rate of brokerage. Your board hesitated some time before selling these imposing buildings, but in view of all the circumstances, we eventually decided to accept the offer, being satisfied that it was in the best interests of the company to do so. **This transaction does not, of course, affect the present accounts.** but the board feel that shareholders should be advised of the position. Payment has not yet been received, as the necessary legal details are not yet completed.

Now to turn to the Accounts, the Balance Sheet calls for little comment. The overdraft with our bankers was $1,404,607.10, but this will, of course, disappear as soon as proceeds from sale of Broadway Mansions are received, and the investment of the remaining sum is now receiving the careful consideration of your directors.

Mortgage loans are reduced by a sum approaching $400,000, which is due to our having taken over a property covering a mortgage in default.

The Working Account reflects a reduction of almost $42,000 under the headings of Staff and Compradore Staff Salaries. This is due to the reduction in staff and also in staff salaries mentioned by me when addressing you last year.

Exchange Loss

In the Profit and Loss Account you will notice an exchange loss of approximately $35,000 which is incurred by writing down staff superannuation from a guaranteed rate of 1/2¼ to 8d.

To revert to Working Account you will note that Buildings have been written down by nearly $560,000 but only approximately $110,000 debited to Working Account. During revaluation of assets as at 31/12/37, provision for a possible loss of about $448,000 was made. This loss has not materialized, so that amount is now transferred to Depreciation of Buildings.

You will, no doubt, wish to know what action is being taken in connection with the properties damaged during the hostilities in 1937. The method in which the claims should be lodged with H. M. Consulate presented some difficulty, but a form acceptable to the Consular authorities has now been agreed upon and claims have been made on this basis.

This is the jubilee year of your company and whilst regretting it is not possible to consider the payment of a dividend, a considerable amount of useful work has been done to put the company on to a sound basis. It is always dangerous to forecast the future in Shanghai, but I think it is fair to say that we can look forward to the current year's activities with a great deal more confidence than was possible at this time last year.

Resolutions

(1) That the Report and Accounts as presented be approved and adopted. Proposed by Mr. H. E. Arnhold, seconded by Mr. L. J. Davies.
(2) That Mr. H. E. Arnhold, Mr. E. S. K. Ho Tung and Mr. P. W. Massey, the retiring Directors, be re-elected Directors of the company. Proposed by Mr. L. J. Davies, seconded by Mr. F. H. Keswick.
(3) That the appointment of Mr. W. J. Keswick, Mr. L. Kadoorie, Mr. J. H. Keswick and Mr. F. R. Davey as directors of the company be confirmed. Proposed by Mr. H. E. Arnhold, seconded by P. W. Massey.
(4) That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be re-elected auditors to the company for 1939 at a remuneration to be fixed by the board at a later date. Proposed by Mr. H. E. Arnhold, seconded by Mr. L. J. Davies.

Wife Admits Instigation To Murder of Husband

Following the murder of Zing-King-seng, who it will be recalled, was found in his home at 36 Haig alleyway on Avenue Haig, in the French Concession yesterday, investigating detectives have arrested the dead man's wife and her lover, who is a man of the loafer type, well-known to the police. According to the statements made by these two persons, it was established that the woman had asked her lover to arrange the assassination of her husband.

The loafer then engaged four thugs to do the killing.

Being confronted with the facts, the two suspects admitted their guilt. A city-wide search for the assassins is now under way.

French Troops Occupy Damascus

Damascus, Mar. 21.

French troops completed their occupation of this city today and are at present fortifying all strategical centres. Shops in the native quarters have been closed. The French authorities have arrested several agitators.—Havas.

"Safety First Week" To Be Held in May

Committee Formed to Study Scheme

An enthusiastic group of men, all of them vitally interested in the reduction of the number of traffic accidents in Shanghai, met on the premises of the Police Club at 5.30 p.m. yesterday, with a view to discussing the possibilities of holding a "Safety First Week" some time in the near future, and, judging by the enthusiasm displayed yesterday, it appears most likely that such a scheme will come into realization before the beginning of the hot summer months.

Mr. E. C. Baker, Assistant Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police (Traffic), took the chair and said that he had conceived the idea of holding a "Safety First Week" in Shanghai considering that the number of accidents which occurred on Settlement streets during the last year had increased by 100 per cent. over the total for 1937. He emphasized that he would like to see a committee composed of persons vitally interested in the prevention of traffic mishaps, formed, with a view to study the advisability of holding a well-organized affair, which would throughly acquaint all those making use of Shanghai's throughfares, with traffic regulations and the dangers to which they expose themselves by ignoring them.

"Various methods have been used to advantage in other parts of the world," Mr. Baker continued, "and I have a considerable amount of statistical and other data in my possession, which would prove useful to those sponsoring such an event.

"Safety posters, radio announcements, slogans, lectures to drivers and school children have all borne their fruit elsewhere, and there is no reason why such an event if well organized here, should not have the same pleasing results."

Roping of Sidewalks

One of those present suggested that a good idea would be to rope off the side-walks on certain parts of Nanking Road during the proposed "Safety First Week," which would educate pedestrians to cross streets between the two yellow lines at each street intersection only, whilst someone else proposed that loud-speakers should be placed at various strategic points in the Central district, warning pedestrians of the dangers of the streets. Yet another of those present was of the opinion that pavements were too narrow in Shanghai and that this accounted for the large number of accidents whilst another member of the meeting suggested that legislation should be introduced, whereby offending pedestrians should be fined. It was pointed out, by a speaker, that such legislation was existant already, but that it was difficult to obtain sufficient evidence in most cases, whilst the objects of "Safety First Week" would mainly be in preventing rather than in punishing offenders.

It was thereupon decided that a committee should be formed and the following were elected:—

Mr. J. D. E. Shotter, China General Omnibus Co. (Chairman); Mr. H. N. Muir, Shanghai Electric Construction Co. (Vice-Chairman); Mr. Kyat Tong, on behalf of the cyclists; Mr. R. K. Butler, Asia Theatres; Mr. R. W. Brewer, Ford Hire Service; Mr. C. C. Newson, Yee Tsoong Tobacco Co.; Dr. C. L. Yin, on behalf of the rickshaws; Mr. A. McGregor, Shanghai Telephone Co.

It was suggested that Mr. R. N. Swann should be asked to join the committee and that this central committee would, when required, appoint any persons which they may deem helpful with any particular subject in connection with "Safety First Week."

Lancashire Benefits From India Pact

Duties on British Cotton Goods to Be Reduced

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 20.

The Lancashire cotton industry will benefit by the provisions of a trade agreement between Great Britain and India, signed today. The agreement remains in force for three years.

To compensate for some preferences on British goods, which are now discontinued, India undertakes to reduce the duties on British goods in the first year from twenty per cent. to fifteen per cent. ad valorem, with corresponding reductions on printed goods, and grey goods.

Duties in subsequent years will depend on the volume of the export of such goods to India, and the amount of Indian raw cotton taken by the United Kingdom.

The preferences enjoyed in British markets by India, under the Ottawa Agreement (which the new agreement supersedes), are, with few exceptions, continued.

Each party agrees to extent to the other any tariff preferences accorded now or in the future to any dominion, or to Southern Rhodesia.

As regards the Colonial Empire, the provisions of the Ottawa Agreement are generally retained.—Reuter.

Six Coolies Stabbed By Japanese Sentries

One in Serious Condition; Authorities Investigating

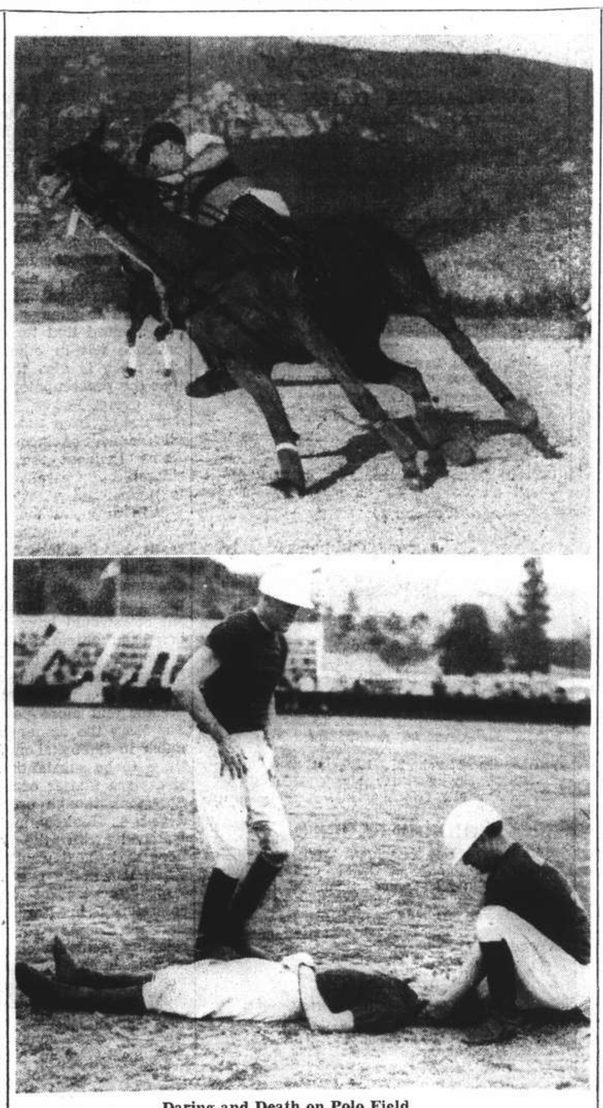
Six coolies were more or less seriously injured when Japanese sentries on Pingliang Road Bridge attacked them with their bayonets, after, it was understood, they had failed to give satisfactory answers to the sentries' questions.

The coolies, who are employees of the China Fibre Container Co., were sent to hospital but only one was detained, the others having received first aid treatment prior to being discharged.

No official information concerning the incident was obtainable up to a late hour last night, but the "North-China Daily News" learned that the coolies who were manning a truck belonging to the company, had passed the bridge earlier in the afternoon, when the chauffeur is alleged to have ignored the sentries' orders to stop for pass inspection.

When they again passed the bridge at 5.20 p.m., they were forced to halt, however, and the coolies were questioned. What subsequently occurred could not be ascertained, although the sentries are said to claim that the coolies did not satisfactorily answer their questions.

Detectives from Yangtszepoo police station are now investigating the case.



Daring and Death on Polo Field

What would be termed a steep bank in aviation or a heavy list to port in nautical parlance is caught by the camera on the polo field at Santa Barbara, California, where the British team is playing this month. It is Converse M. Converse riding his horse Black Fury in the upper picture while in the lower picture is the tragic scene of the famous Capt. C. T. I. (Pat) Roark, Irish-born international polo player, just after his fatal fall. Eric Pedley, a team-mate, holds his head while Elmer Boeseke rushes up to help. Capt. Roark died in hospital of brain injuries.

Police in Canton Given Arms

Japanese Take Steps to Check Crime Wave; Army Of Volunteers Formed

Canton, Mar. 21.

Departing from their previous policy, the Japanese authorities have begun arming the recently-formed Chinese police force in Canton with rifles and pistols. Composed mostly of men who served in the same capacity under the old Chinese régime, the force has hitherto proved ineffective in the suppression of crime because of lack of arms, as each man was allowed only a stick as a weapon.

Rifles and pistols, however, are now being distributed to the various police stations, and it is hoped soon to have the entire force effectively armed.

In order to help them to suppress the numerous bands of Chinese guerillas infesting the surrounding countryside, the Japanese military authorities have formed a Chinese volunteer army, which has been given the title of "Canton An-Min Tingshen Tai."

The headquarters of the new organization has been established at Hwahsien, about 25 miles north of Canton, and the main duty of the volunteers will be to "maintain peace and order" in some 45 villages.

For a start 200 young able-bodied men have been enrolled, and they are now being trained by the Japanese military in the use of the rifle and bayonet.

As part of the enrollment ceremony, each recruit had to swear a solemn oath of loyalty to the commander of the corps, a certain Tien Chan-chi, said to have been an officer of a Chinese anti-aircraft unit previously.

According to the regulations of the corps, Chinese regulars and guerillas will be welcomed if they show a "genuine desire to work for the peace and welfare of Kwangtung province."

The acute rice shortage in the city, which caused the authorities much worry for some time, is over, with the arrival from abroad of a huge consignment of the cereal—said to be 15,000 bags. Arrangements have been completed for a regular supply. As a result, the price of rice is once again back to normal.

The local authorities have issued a notification ordering all people wanting to open shops or stores in the city to obtain first a "business licence." They have also started to take a census of the local population.—Reuter.

China to Have Air Link With Sinkiang

Regular Chungking-Hami Service Planned

Chungking, Mar. 21.

A direct air mail and passenger service between China and the Soviet is scheduled to be inaugurated on March 24 when a Chinese airliner will leave Chungking on the first flight to Hami. The distance of the flight is estimated to be 2,318 kilometres, and will take two days, the first for the flight from Chungking to Lanchow, and the second for the Lanchow-Hami flight. Stops will be made at Sian, Lanchow, Liangchow and Suchow.

An aeroplane will leave for Hami from Chungking every Friday. The cost of passage, from Chungking, will be as follows:—$270 to Sian; $470 to Lanchow; $830 to Suchow; and $1,150 to Hami.

The machine to be used in the Chungking-Hami service will be a tri-motored 'plane, with accommodation for 15 passengers.

The ill-fated "Communications No. 1," which crashed in West Kwei-chow, was the 'plane which made the survey flight from Chungking to Hami on February 20.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Bomber Crashes After Exploding

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 20.

An R.A.F. bomber from Waddington crashed on the swimming baths at Boultham, Lincolnshire, today, burying itself ten feet in the foundations. The machine exploded in midair, and the four occupants were killed.—Reuter.

Japanese Warships Shell Chinghai

400 Shells Dropped on City; Aeroplanes Bomb Haimen, But Business as Usual

The Japanese navy has continued shelling east Chekiang coastal districts during the past few days and while no landing has been effected, shipping business between Shanghai and the districts continue to be affected although ships can still proceed to Ningpo, Chinese reports state. If necessary Chinese authorities will close all coastal districts to shipping.

The reports indicate that Japanese warships have shelled the districts from time to time during the past few weeks and it is admitted that only last Sunday six vessels fired more than 400 shells at Chinghai, riverport gateway to Ningpo and that Chinese troops there returned the fire. The vessels left after several hours' shelling but it is claimed that only little damage was done. There were no casualties, the people having evacuated.

On the same day, four Japanese 'planes flew to Haimen and dropped a number of bombs but it is again claimed that little damage was done. The situation in Ningpo is reported to be quiet, all shops continuing their business as usual.

Two Shanghai steamers left the port on Monday for Ningpo when Japanese warships are reported to have again shelled Chinghai. The results of the shelling could not be ascertained in Shanghai yesterday.

It is strongly hinted that Chinese military authorities may close all coastal districts to shipping as they have prepared all necessary materials for erecting booms.

The Chinese commander at Haimen is said to have permitted resumption of shipping but the Japanese military authorities are alleged to have advised shipping circles here not to sail their boats to Haimen on military grounds.

The continuous attack along the Chekiang coast by the Japanese navy may force Chinese communists to co-operate with the provincial units and guerillas more closely than before. Chou En-lai, well known communist statesman is reported to have reached Chekiang where he will discuss the situation with General Huang Chao-hsiung, governor of the province, who recently returned to his post from Chungking.

Local Merchants Worried

Ningpo merchants who constitute the most influential Chinese business group in Shanghai are watching the situation in east Chekiang closely and the reported landing of Japanese forces near their native district, which story was given prominence by all evening papers in Shanghai, caused great anxiety among them.

According to information emanating from the Shanghai Ningpo Residents Association and published by a Chinese evening paper, many Japanese war vessels were seen anchored off Ningpo and between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday they continuously shelled the district.

Testifying to the effect that the Japanese forces are ready to start large scale military operations along the Chekiang coast, a Chinese telegram from Ningpo received yesterday afternoon admitted that the situation was tense as 28 Japanese vessels were seen along the coast. Among them there were four cruisers, 18 destroyers, two transports and an aeroplane carrier.

Chinese forces stationed along the coast were said to have been fully prepared for an attack, having completed their defence works.

According to the Hwa Tung News Agency, Chinese troops stationed along the coast number approximately 500,000 and if the guerillas and militiamen are added, the force will be 1,000,000 strong. Civilians are said to have evacuated to places 50 li away from the coast.

Search for Minerals In Central China

Japanese Plan Extensive Survey of Country

An extensive search for minerals in Central China will soon be undertaken by the Central China Mining Company, a subsidiary of the Central China Development Company, with the approval and encouragement of Japanese military authorities and the Asia Development Board, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported in its Economic and Financial Section yesterday.

More than 500,000 metric tons of iron ore are expected to be mined in south and south-eastern Anhwei, at Nanshan, Taochung, and other points on the northern bank of the Yangtze. Manganese extraction will be started in the vicinity of Loping, situated in northwestern Kiangsi, accordng to the Mainichi.

Lead, tin, wolfram, antimony, and rock crystal deposits, believed to be abundant in Central China, will be sought by the company, the daily reported.

Dr. Oong Wen-hao, Minister of Economics, and Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Secretary-General to the People's Political Council, left Kunming, capital of Yunnan, for Chungking by air yesterday. They are urging, the economic development of Yunnan, which they pointed out, is of vital importance both economically and strategically to China's national resistance.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The marriage of Miss JOAN COLVILLE CHISHOLM to Mr. JOHN MALCOLM OVANS, will take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on Saturday, March 25, at 4.30 p.m., instead of Wednesday, March 29, as previously announced. Reception at 4c Brookside Apartments, 435 Avenue Haig, 5.30 p.m. -3437

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IN HANKOW

The recent arrival of copies of the "Central China Post" from Hankow shows that the river port is bearing up well under its tribulation, for not only has it held its annual general meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce, but the lighter side of life has been catered for by the Hankow A.D.C. staging a performance. The very lengthy review of the local situation contained in the speech by the chairman of the Chamber not only clearly sets forth the difficulties which the community is labouring under, but also the courage with which the situation is being met. It does more; it gives a very shrewd idea of what is going on under Japanese control and the manner in which foreign rights and interests are being flouted. Mr. W. Bowling, the chairman, did not mince matters in his speech, giving a plain unvarnished account of conditions prevailing and the anxious times through which Hankow is passing. Of particular interest is his remarks on the closing of the Yangtze by the Japanese:—

> The present situation, it can scarcely be denied, is an intolerable one, and, as you are aware, your Committee has had frequent occasion to express its views in no uncertain terms, and I am glad to say that the American Chamber has recorded its attitude on parallel lines.
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> It must not be supposed that we in Hankow are either ignorant of, or deliberately overlook, the wider pre-occupations of His Majesty's Government and the delicacy of the situation to be handled. We also do not forget that as a community we have stated our willingness to endure temporary inconveniences, if thereby we shall be in the long run enabled to safeguard at least some part of our interests. We do however feel that a blunter insistence on one of our most fundamental rights is overdue, and that the situation will become the more difficult the longer it is delayed.
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> We have heard it argued that there was not unreasonable grounds from the military point of view for closing the River to non-belligerents. Such an argument will appeal to nobody present here. In the first place, it is incontestable that navigational difficulties since the beginning of the year have not been such that the addition of a limited number of specially-constructed river vessels to the heterogeneous mass of Japanese tonnage now using the River would menace their lines of communications. It is a matter of even deeper concern to us that we still find such an attitude in existence. Our sole object and aim should be the removal of the present illegal inhibition on free communications: it is our interests which are at stake, and the military interests of other parties have nothing to do with us at all.
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> There would also appear to be a view in some quarters that anything resembling the "smuggling" of British into Hankow should be officially discountenanced. How widely this view is held, I cannot say, but I do say that it shows an inherent misunderstanding of the position and a failure to appreciate the real measure of the problem with which we are faced.
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> Lastly, before leaving this vexed subject, I would like to make an earnest appeal to our Authorities to take us further into their confidence. As things are, we can only base our opinions on facts as we know them, and in giving voice to those opinions we do so since circumstances compel us to be our own advocates. Meanwhile, we have every confidence that H. M.'s Government is steadily and surely pursuing its fixed policy of upholding not only our intrinsic rights but also our wider interests in China, and I trust that in the essentials we shall not be found lacking in the Oriental virtue of patience nor in our native one of persistence.

A better exposition of the case of foreigners in China could hardly have been produced, and when the speaker describes conditions in Hankow as intolerable he is not overcolouring the picture. There is no really valid, military reason for the closure of the Yangtze all the way to Hankow. As Mr. Bowling rightly says the addition of the few foreign vessels to the large and heterogeneous mass of Japanese tonnage, civil as well as military using the river would have no harmful effect upon the Japanese communications. That fact is completely recognized by the Japanese who have long since abandoned their claim that the closing was necessary for the sake of the safety of foreign shipping, from mines, and bombardment from the river banks, while it has been openly suggested in Japan that the question of reopening the river is one of the important pawns which Japan should not lightly relinquish in view of developments which have already occurred and those others which are to be expected.

Mr. Bowling voices a very natural impatience over the fact that up to the present Great Britain, as also the other Powers concerned, has been unable to prevail upon the Japanese to change their attitude. He may rest assured that there is just the same impatience felt in other of the Treaty Ports. But there is also the very real knowledge that the preoccupations elsewhere of practically every Power, apart from Japan, are demanding from those communities suffering all manner of inconveniences through this China Incident the exercise of very considerable forbearance. It is indeed difficult to understand what other information the British authorities could give as to what is being done in Hankow's behalf than has already been vouchsafed. It is by no means clear that the added bluntness which the chairman would like to see in British representations to Japan on this and cognate subjects would have any greater effect than has been obtained up to the present. The outstanding fact is that until a change is brought about in the international situation which will enable interested Powers to give greater and more powerful attention to the Far East, the demands on local patience, as much in Shanghai as in Hankow, will, continue to be substantial. The opening of the river is a matter of considerable concern to Shanghai, though probably not to the same degree as Hankow, and the situation is being watched with the keenest anxiety, and hope that the day will not be too far distant when it will be possible to bring about an improvement. Not only that, the British community in Hankow may rest assured that the Home Government is in no way relaxing whatever efforts are possible at this juncture. The intolerableness of the situation is fully realized and while final settlement is apparently not to be in the very near future Hankow may rest assured that when the time comes there will be a very real endeavour to remedy the present unhappy state of affairs.

A Scholar's Complaint

One of the lesser known but extremely important departments of the Shanghai Municipal Council is the Chinese Studies and Translation Office directed by Mr. Charles Kliene? This department's annual report is a brief and modest document in comparison with the extensive and detailed records of other departments like the Police, Public Health and Public Works Departments. Nevertheless, its function as a cog in the municipal machine cannot be underestimated for the Municipal Council cannot remain inarticulate in its relations with the Chinese community nor can it expect that all its communications shall be conveyed in the English language. In addition to conducting Chinese studies among the Council's foreign staff and equipping them with a working knowledge of the Chinese language, in which 25 teachers were working till late at night last year, this department does a tremendous amount of translation from English into Chinese and vice versa. On this subject, Mr. Kliene's observations are interesting as there is an unceasing flow of Chinese correspondence on almost every conceivable subject. Letter writing and petition writing have long been a habit among the Chinese whose scholarly epistles are a contribution to the world's official literature. The stereotyped phrases of dreary commercial English—"We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. etc"—form no part of this literary equipment, but Mr. Kliene has found something else. Referring to the Council's post bag he states:

> Anyone reading a few of these epistles, usually fairly long-winded, might easily be led to conclude that the writers are the most disinterested, public spirited and altruistic people on the face of the earth; but those with an experienced eye never fail to detect in them the hand of the public letter writer who sits at busy street corners to write for those who cannot write. The public writer is a useful personage entrenched behind large spectacles: for a few cents he will sling ink at anybody in the world; he will write on any subject whatsoever in the most fantastic style whether he understands it or not, and he practically tells you this. No wonder the illiterate gather around him: he is also a good talker and he combines fortune telling with his letter writing, and that is how he plays on the credulity of the weaker sex. It is greatly to be deplored, however, that the beautiful Chinese calligraphy, so much admired, is gradually being encroached upon by the ugly scrawls of the fountain pen.

But with that scholarly disdain which animates himself and his staff Mr. Kliene adds: "In the Chinese official documents produced by this office the use of the fountain pen is strictly forbidden." In a big organization with typewriters, dictaphones, calculating machines and even radio, it is a happy thought that there is still this reliance, if not reverence for the old Chinese pencil, the scholar's prized possession which could form such wonderful characters as "The Forest of Pencils" which this journal, a mass of machinery, still proudly displays on its title page.

Conspirators Sentenced

The passing of two sentences of ten years' penal servitude, and one of seven years on three men accused under the Explosives Act at Birmingham will come as something of a surprise to those who noted with satisfaction the very much heavier punishments which were meted out in London, where the sentences ran as high as twenty years. It would now seem that the quickness with which the police acted against the I.R.A. conspirators had a salutary effect, for since the original arrests there have been no serious explosions reported, indicating that the authorities really apprehended the people who were actually responsible, and at any rate for the time being nipped this conspiracy in the bud. There is always the possibility, however, that those incidents were really more in the nature of a dress rehearsal than the actual performances, and that at some appropriate time further incidents of the same nature may be expected. It is quite clear that the people directing the activities of the I.R.A. are determined to do everything possible to embarrass Great Britain in times of crisis. That should be met with the firmest determination not only to arrest the guilty but to see that they are adequately punished. In such cases as these it is idle to disparage the retaliatory quality of punishment. These people, completely reckless of consequences, endanger the lives and limbs of perfectly innocent people, pleading politics as an excuse. Where they are found guilty of actual killing there should be only one punishment. The maiming of others should be dealt with with similar severity, and, if the suggestion of a member in the House of Commons made recently that whipping should be included in the punishment of these culprits is eventually adopted, there will probably be few who will care to disagree with it.

The Public Health

Of the many important problems with which the Public Health Department had to deal during the past year, according to the sixth part of its annual report, published yesterday, was the disposal of the enormous number of corpses to be found in the areas over which there had been fighting. The task was rendered all the more difficult by reason of the fact that there was the Chinese dislike of any form of disposal other than burial to be overcome, but it speaks well for the reasonableness of those responsible for the arrangement that eventually cremation was accepted as the only really effective method of disposing of the problem. The work of the department was considerably assisted by the endeavours of the Shanghai Public Benevolent Cemetery which collects and transports for disposal all exposed corpses and unclaimed coffins, these being taken either to the special cremation site or their own burial grounds in Hungjao Road behind the Roman Catholic cemetery. The report conveys a very significant reassurance on the subject of the coffin repositories which aroused so much concern last year. Judging from what has been written the most stringent conditions are applied to these institutions, and the control which has thus been effected has resulted in the avoidance of all those evils which critics of the system feared in its early days. It is still a regrettable fact that so few as 5,511 coffins have been transported up country, and that over 13,000 are stored awaiting transportation. Apart from that the Department appears to have rendered the community yeoman service in the manner in which it has sought for corpses and disposed of them. The general health of the port has to that extent been efficiently protected and the impression to be gained from a perusal of the various sections of the report is that the Public Health Department has met the difficulties inevitable in such abnormal conditions in a manner which does it infinite credit.

IN PARENTHESIS

Monologue

TALKING about wives one man asked another if his wife was talkative. "She is an all," he replied. "If I was struck deaf and dumb tonight she wouldn't find out for five or six days."

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Learnin' 'em

A TEACHER in a little Northern town was very concerned about the backwardness of a girl who was one of her pupils.

At last she felt obliged to write a letter to the girl's parents. The following morning the answer was delivered.

"Dear Teacher,—Don't you bother your head no more about our Mary. Her father an' me are saving up, an' as soon as she is finished her schooling we are going to have her eddicated.

"With love from

"Mrs.——."

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Tough Guy

AN American was boasting to an Englishman about the tough guys in the States. "Why," he told, "I once saw a gangster take a full barrel of machine-gun bullets in his stomach, and yet he was tough enough to run up and shoot the gunner before he collapsed."

The Englishman smiled.

"That's nothing," he remarked casually. "The other day I saw half a dozen men shoot at a fellow for over an hour. He stopped every single shot, and when they'd finished he ran the whole length of a field."

The American looked incredulous.

"I guess that's not possible," he protested. "Who was the guy?"

"The Arsenal goalkeeper," came the quiet reply.

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Caution

AT a party one man told the rest of the company about the Scotsman who went to the dentist and who was asked if he'd have gas and who said he would but he'd like to count his money first. Everybody laughed but one man, and he just sat and looked puzzled. Somebody asked him if he could understand the joke and he said he couldn't. Then somebody explained that the Scotsman was scared he'd have some of his money pinched while he was under gas, and that's why he wanted to count it first. "I still don't understand," the man replied. Somebody else explained the joke all over again. "Listen," said the man, "I understand that bit all right, but what I don't understand is how any Scotsman shouldn't know at any time just how much money he had in his pockets."

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Pluck Your Eyebrows

THE new magic word, chicks, more powerful even than "Abracadabra," is "Confidence." It is the latest political spell and cure-all.

It seems that if everybody will only have heaps and heaps of confidence, then those rough foreign chaps will start to coo like turtle doves English cows will give more Grade A milk, trade will boom, the birthrate will increase, food controllers will come winging home with the swallows, deep shelters will spring up everywhere like mushrooms, the earth will suddenly burst into exotic blossom, and Love will triumph over all.

Recently Elinor, there was a poor bewildered country tick, named Hodge, who had perfect confidence in a goose that was his sole means of support.

"You mark my words," he said to his wife, Oriana. "That goose is going to lay a golden egg one of these fine days and make our fortune!"

Scarcely had he expressed this deep faith in his goose than the ridiculous thing cackled twice and laid a small, good-for-nothing egg. Hastily snatching it up, Hodge rushed off to the nearest pawnbroker.

"How much will you lend me on this lump of solid gold?" he cried.

This so annoyed the pawnbroker that he promptly smashed the worthless egg over Hodge's thick head and kicked him out into the street.

He took this drastic unilateral action partly because he had no confidence in anybody but himself and partly because he had once been tricked into advancing 9d. on a silk purse which had later turned out to be a sow's ear.

Moral: You can't keep your feet dry by shouting "goloshes."—Lane-Norcott in the "Daily Mail."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	45.0	Max.	53.5
Same date, 1938	Min.	52.5	Max.	59.0

Rainfall .77

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	45.7	Max.	52.5
Same date, 1938	Min.	52.0	Max.	59.4

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 20th:—Light anticyclone over the Yellow Sea. Depression over Mongolia. Pressures falling over China. Fine to cloudy weather and winds from the southern quadrant over northern China and over the Yellow Sea. Overcast to cloudy and variable winds in the Mean and in the Lower Yangtze Valley and over the Eastern Sea. Overcast with some showers around Formosa.

State on the morning of the 21st:—Light anticyclone over southern Japan. Low and unsteady pressures over China. Depression developing over Kiangsi.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy to overcast weather and freshening cyclonic circulation over northern China, owing to the depression passing to the Pechili Gulf. Overcast with rain and southerly to westerly winds over the Yellow Sea. Overcast with winds from the northern quadrant over Central China. Rain and south-easterly to north-easterly winds over our regions; easterly to southerly over the Eastern Sea; variable around Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Lord Halifax Exposes German Invasion

Czech Leaders Capitulated to Save People From Bombing; Domination of Non-Germans Now Makes "Every Neighbour Uncertain"

London, Mar. 20.

"IT is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the bulk of the incidents which occurred before the German invasion of Czechoslovakia were deliberately evoked, and the effects greatly magnified," declared Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Lords today, condemning in no uncertain terms Germany's action in Czechoslovakia. Sweeping aside German pleas that the Reich was "in some danger" from Czechoslovakia, the Foreign Secretary stated that such arguments could not seriously be entertained in any quarter.

"I could wish," he added, "that instead of the explanations which have been issued, and which carry scant conviction, German superior force had been frankly acknowledged as the supreme arbiter that in fact it was." Twenty years ago, Lord Halifax added, the people of Czechoslovakia recovered their liberties, with the support and encouragement of the greater part of the world. They had now been deprived of them by violence.

"In the course of their long history," Lord Halifax declared, "this will not be the first time that this tenacious, valiant and industrious people have lost their independence; but they have never lost that which is the foundation of independence—love of liberty.

"Meanwhile, just as, after the last war, the world watched the emergence of the Czech nation, so it will watch today their efforts to preserve intact their cultural identity, and, more important, their spiritual freedom under the last and most cruel blow of which they have been victims."

"In face of the grave issues with which we are concerned," Lord Halifax declared amid cheers, "party differences seem to disappear. It is quite true that recent events have been a profound shock to all thinking people in this country, and far outside it.

"Surely it is not without significance that two towns were occupied by German S. S. detachments on the evening of March 3, while the President and the Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia were still on their way to see Herr Hitler, and before any discussion had taken place."

"Protectorate" Examined

Dealing with Herr Hitler's proclamation declaring former Czech territory to be under German protection, Lord Halifax said:—

"It should be noted that, while the head of the administration now to be set up is said to hold the rank of head of the state, and while the Protectorate is said to be autonomous and self-governing, there is to be a resident in Prague with full powers of veto on legislation.

"Foreign affairs and the protection of nationals abroad devolve on the German Government, which will maintain military garrisons and establishments in the Protectorate.

"The Protectorate is bound to Germany by a customs union, and the German Government can issue decrees and take any measures for the preservation of peace and order.

"As a result of these several actions, the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia may therefore be said now to be complete."

German Arguments Refuted

Dealing with the grounds on which the Germans justified their action, Lord Halifax declared that he found it impossible to believe that a sudden decision of certain Slovak leaders to break off from Prague was reached independently of outside influence.

After giving a further narrative of the events surrounding the annexation of Czechoslovakia the Foreign Secretary stated that it was not necessary to say much about the assertion that the Czech President "freely assented to the subjugation of his people."

In view of the circumstances in which the Czech President went to Berlin, and of the occupation of parts of Czechoslovakia which had already taken place, most sensible people would conclude that there was little attempt at negotiation; and that it was more probable that the Czech leaders were presented with an ultimatum under threat of violence.

Submission to Threats

They capitulated, Lord Halifax declared, "in order to save their people from the horrors of swift and destructive aerial bombardment."

In these circumstances, the Foreign Secretary continued, His Majesty's Government thought it fit immediately to take certain action.

Lord Halifax then referred to the immediate suspension of the proposed visit of Mr. Oliver Stanley (President of the Board of Trade) and Mr. R. S. Hudson (Secretary for Overseas Trade) to Berlin, "by means of which it had been hoped that His Majesty's Government could directly intervene in those unofficial contacts of industrial representatives that were taking place at that very moment."

"We felt, and now feel," Lord Halifax went on, "that, in the circumstances, any development of our efforts in that direction was frankly out of the question, and that, and many other things, had to be and must remain indefinitely postponed."

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Britons Ready for Every Sacrifice

Tremendous Response To A.R.P. Volunteer Recruiting Revealed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 20.

A declaration that "there is no effort, and no sacrifice, which the people of Great Britain are not prepared to accept if it is shown necessary for the protection of Britain's vital interests" was made by Sir John Anderson, Lord Privy Seal and Minister for Civilian Defence, at a luncheon of the Foreign Press Association today.

Sir John reminded his hearers that, prior to January last, when the national service campaign started, 1,100,000 people had volunteered for air raid protection duties. Since the campaign had started, he pointed out, a further 500,000 men and women had been recruited. The total number recruited, Sir John added, greatly exceeded the number of those volunteering for the corresponding period at the beginning of the Great War.

Defence Programme

"In view of Germany's acquisition of war material and munitions factories in Czechoslovakia, does the Prime Minister intend to propose a revision of the National Defence Programme?" asked Captain William Wedgwood Benn, Labour member for the Gorton Division of Manchester, in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, replied that his statement of March 17, that every aspect of national life must now be reviewed in the light of Britain's national safety, "of course covered our national defence programme."

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Labour member for the Jarrow Division of Durham, asked if this statement included an understanding that no iron, steel or scrap material should be sold to Germany, "as it was sold in the last war."

The Prime Minister replied that "that might be called an aspect of national life."

Marked Change in Opinion

A marked change in parliamentary opinion, comments Reuters Lobby Correspondent, has occurred over the week-end, mainly due to the speech of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, at Birmingham.

Opposition criticism, Reuters Correspondent declares, as previously expressed, has undergone a change, and when the Premier entered the House of Commons this afternoon some members of the Opposition joined in the cheers of his supporters.

There has been a crystallization of feeling among members of all parties that the time has come for the country to take a firm stand, and it is certain, Reuters Correspondent states, that any action in that direction will have the support of the Opposition, as well as of the Government members.

There are no indications yet of a coalition between the Labour Party and the Government, but there is less disposition among members of the Opposition to say "Chamberlain must go," Reuters Correspondent adds.—Reuter.

Weihaiwei Opium Dens Queried in Commons

Difference in Japanese Rule Emphasized

London, Mar. 20.

Sir John Haslam, Conservative member for Bolton, asked in the House of Commons today whether the Premier was aware that, during the whole British lease of Weihaiwei, the port and the surrounding district were "entirely free from the opium evil, and continued so until the Japanese occupation." Since the Japanese took over the port, Sir John added, many opium dens had been opened.

He asked whether the Premier would draw the attention of the Japanese Government to the grave consequences of permitting opium dens to exist, and increase, in Chinese territories under their occupation.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied:—"Yes—the question is at present under consideration."—Reuter.

Wenchow Severely Bombed

It was reliably learnt from Chinese sources last night that Wenchow was severely bombed by Japanese 'planes yesterday morning. More than 20 civilians were said to have been killed and the property loss was said to be extremely heavy. Wenchow has been the centre of cargo transportation between Shanghai and Chekiang since the conclusion of the Shanghai hostilities and the bombing of the district will no doubt seriously affect shipping, informed quarters state.

Viscount Halifax
British Foreign Secretary.

France Calls Up Reserves For Defence

New Plenary Powers Immediately Put in Effect for Security

Paris, Mar. 21.

Enforcing with lightning speed the newly-promulgated law-decrees, the Government has decided to call to the colours a number of specialized reserve units who will be summoned from tomorrow on to take up their service.

The law-decrees aiming at a strengthening of the country's defences were passed by the Government, now vested with plenary powers, on Sunday night. Reservists may be called to the colours by the Government, an increased number of Officers and N.C.O.'s for the Army is provided for, and the creation of new "goums" (Morroccan native battalions) is to take place at once.

The four new destroyers included in the 1938 naval construction programme will be laid down immediately, it was announced here today. They will be named the Intrépide, Téméraire, Opiniatre, and Aventurier.

Arms Production Speeded

Furthermore, it was decided that the working hours in war industries would be brought up to sixty per week instead of the present forty. In all branches of industry, orders concerning national defence will enjoy priority over all others. A number of technical measures aimed at increasing the efficiency of the present defence system were also decreed.

A series of law-decrees providing for drastic cuts in the nations expenditures was passed upon the initiative of M. Paul Reynaud. They provide for a reduction in the number of civil servants and a ban on the creation of new posts within the various administrative organs, the suppression of several public institutions such as the Academy of Music and certain specialized high-schools, etc.

After the Government meeting during which those measures were adopted, the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, attended an important conference at the War Office, together with General Lebeau, Governor-General of Algeria; M. Eric Labonne, General-Resident of Tunisia, General Auguste Nogues, General-Resident of Morocco, and General Antoine Colson, Head of the General Staff of the Army.

Among the decree laws published in "Le Journal Officiel," particularly noted is the one compelling unemployed on relief to accept jobs in enterprises working for national defence. Salaries will be paid in accordance with the average pay for the given profession and region. In the event of refusal, the unemployed person will not be given any relief for a period of one year.—Havas.

Defence of Colonies

Paris, Mar. 20.

Plans for the transport of men and equipment across the Mediterranean in the event of European hostilities, and protective measures in Morocco, are understood to have been discussed at a meeting of the Mediterranean Council at the War Ministry today.

There was also a meeting at Strasbourg this evening between General Maurice Gamelin, Chief-of-Staff, and the civil and military authorities at Strasbourg.—Reuter.

Wang Ching-wei Escapes Murder Attempt

Tseng Chung-ming Wounded By Gunmen

Hongkong, Mar. 21.

Three unidentified Chinese gunmen early this morning staged an abortive attempt on the life of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former Deputy Chief Executive of the Kuomintang, a Hanoi dispatch revealed.

Mr. Tseng Chung-ming, former vice-minister of Railways in the Kuomintang regime at Nanking and a close follower of Mr. Wang, Mrs. Tseng, and a third member of the ousted Kuomintang leader's party were seriously wounded by the assailants, who escaped, the report said.

The attack occurred at 3 o'clock this morning, when three Chinese, armed with pistols, raided Mr. Wang's residence near Hanoi, according to the dispatch.—Domei.

American Congressmen See Giant Gun
Members of the House of Representatives Military Affairs Committee inspecting America's defences seen examining one of the giant disappearing 12-inch guns at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Britain Leading Collective Security Federation

Soviets Deny Pledge to Rumania, Poland; U.S. Expected to Lend Moral, Trade Aid

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 21.

IN addition to the Soviet, Polish, Rumanian, Yugoslav, Turkish and Bulgarian Governments, it is understood the British Government is also in communication with Greece. A conference of representatives of Great Britain, France, Russia, Poland and Rumania, together with other interested Powers, which might possibly include Greece and Turkey, was suggested to the British Government by the Soviet, states Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

To avoid the delay, immediate drawing up of a collective declaration by Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union and other Powers, which will make it clear that any further acts of aggression will be resisted by the collective Powers is now being negotiated in London and other European capitals, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent today. The initiative has been taken over by Great Britain and France, as it is felt that such a step would be the quickest and most efficatious way for preparing in advance against the dangers of any new and sudden aggressive move.

The Russian attitude to the British plan appears to be not unfavourable, but the Soviet definitely desire to satisfy itself that Great Britain and France are really prepared to act should the occasion arise. It is possible that Russia, as a condition of adhering to the declaration, might stipulate that it be followed by a conference along the lines suggested by Moscow.

The writer says that the impression current in diplomatic circles yesterday is that circumstances indicate a pause in the German progress eastward, though it is probable that the next immediate German move may be against Lithuania, where a coup to annex Memel is believed to be imminent.

It is expected, however, that the next major development will come with the presentation of the Italian claims against France, the "Daily Telegraph" diplomatic correspondent adds.—Reuter.

Moscow Denies Pledges

Moscow, Mar. 21.

An official communique released here today denied that the Soviet Government had recently offered to assist Poland and Rumania if these countries were the victims of aggression. Neither Poland nor Rumania had asked for help from Soviet Russia, the statement asserts.

It is true, the communique added, that the British Government on March 18 informed the Soviet Government that it had serious reasons to fear German aggression against Rumania and inquired as to Soviet Russia's attitude in such an eventuality. The Soviet Government replied by proposing a consultation between the interested powers, namely Great Britain, France, Poland, Rumania, Turkey and Soviet Russia, but the British Government declared that the proposal was premature.—Havas.

U.S. Part Limited

Washington, Mar. 20.

It is not believed here that the Administration will consent to take an active part in the suggested conference of peaceful Powers.

The contribution which the Administration hopes to make, it is stressed here, is economic and moral, and it is emphasized that there would be no support here for participation in a foreign war, to the extent of sending armies overseas.

It is believed that an assurance that America's economic weapons would be at the disposal of the democracies would consolidate the peace front in Europe.—Reuter.

Anglo-French Exchanges

London, Mar. 21.

The Polish Ambassador to the Court of St. James, conferred with Lord Halifax for forty minutes this morning.

M. Georges Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, and Lord Halifax will hold an important conversation here today regarding the British plan for the organization of security in Eastern Europe, with M. Bonnet outlining the French point of view on the plan which is to be submitted to France, Soviet Russia and Poland.

The text of the British project is not known, but well-informed quarters believe that it contains a formal engagement to support Rumania and any other small state menaced.

Military assistance, it is said, has not been precisely determined as yet, but might be later following the Anglo-French talks and the conversations with Soviet Russia and Poland, whose attitude is still not clear.

It is understood that Great Britain already has the support of Turkey, who declared that it was ready to assist Rumania with troops in any emergency.

While negotiating with the smaller Eastern European states, Great Britain will maintain close contact with the United States and the South American countries. Reports from British Ambassadors in South America arrived at the Foreign Office yesterday evening.—Havas.

French President Lands in Dover

Tightening of Bonds Between Two Nations Stressed by M. Lebrun

Dover, Mar. 21.

Guns roared in salute on board the battleship H.M.S. Rodney at 12.55 p.m. today as the vessel Cote d'Azur bearing the President of France and Mme. Albert Lebrun and his suite, including the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, arrived here.

The Duke of Gloucester boarded the ship to welcome the French President, while the British warships which escorted the President lined up.

A crowd of several hundred was at hand to cheer the President when he landed at 1 p.m. He was received on the pier by the Marquess of Willingdon, Governor of the Cinque Ports.

In a brief address to the Mayor of Dover, President Lebrun stressed the unforgettable souvenir left in the heart of every French citizen following the recent visit to France paid by the British Sovereigns.

"That visit contributed greatly to the tightening of the bonds of friendship and mutual sympathy uniting the two nations," the President added. "I come today to bear testimony on British soil to the French people's unanimous adherence to this close friendship which expresses the community of ideals in the two countries and serves the high interests of peace."—Havas.

Arrival in London

London, Mar. 21.

President and Mme. Albert Lebrun, accompanied by their suite, arrived at Victoria Station at 2.59 p.m. today. They were welcomed on the platform by the King and Queen.—Havas.

Canadian Premier Declares Dominion Ready to Defend Britain

Direct Attack Brings Immediate Response; Australian Press Supports Firm Stand

Ottawa, Mar. 20.

Speaking in the House of Commons today, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie-King, the Canadian Prime Minister, declared that if there were any prospects of an aggressor attacking Great Britain, there would be "no doubt as to the Canadian people's decision."

"They would regard it," Mr. King added, "as an act of aggression menacing the freedom of all parts of the British Commonwealth.

"On the contrary, if it is a case of dispute over trade, or of Britain's prestige in some far corner of the world, that would raise a different consideration."—Reuter.

Britain Centres Empire

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Toronto, Mar. 21.

"Without the United Kingdom the Commonwealth would disintergrate," states the "Globe" today. "Self-preservation," it adds, "requires that Canada and other units of the Empire make Great Britain's defence theirs."—Reuter.

Imperial Co-operation

Ottawa, Mar. 20.

The Government today proclaimed its willingness to consult Britain and other freedom-loving countries "on the most effective means of co-operation against aggression."

Mr. William Lyon Mackenzie-King, the Prime Minister condemned Chancellor Hitler's conquest of Czechoslovakia.

"There is scarcely anything," he said, "I would not sacrifice for peace except the liberty which we enjoy and which we will never surrender."

Dr. Robert James Manion, Leader of the Conservative Party, also castigated the Fuehrer. Herr Hitler, he said, "is a madman who, through organized criminality, is aiming at world domination."—United Press.

Australia Backs Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Sydney, Mar. 21.

The Australian press unanimously support the stand taken by democratic Powers.

The "Melbourne Herald" writes: "The encirclement of Germany by a group of nations determined to preserve democratic ideals is the only possible answer to Herr Hitler. Australia approves of the new realistic policy against the German menace and welcomes the proposal to bring in the U.S.S.R."

Australians generally express the opinion that they must either sink or swim with Great Britain.

The Commonwealth Cabinet has agreed in principle to the British proposals for the manufacture of aircraft in Australia.

Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Commonwealth Prime Minister, announced today that the Cabinet had assured the British Government of its readiness to co-operate in its endeavours to deal with the international situation. The Cabinet, he said, had also expressed its wholehearted support of the British efforts for peace and security.—Reuter.

French Mission May Visit Italy

Paris, Mar. 21.

It is rumoured here that a move is on foot in influential circles to send an unofficial emissary on a special mission to Italy.

The names of M. Pierre Laval, who negotiated the North African Treaty with Signor Mussolini, and the Comte de Chambrun are mentioned as emissaries, M. Laval, however, denies having been approached. It is believed here that if the decision is to be made, it must be done quickly as Signor Mussolini is due to speak on Sunday.—Reuter.

Tientsin Briton Still Untraced

Apathy of Crowd Stopped Release of Mr. H. F. Dyott Just After Capture

Tientsin, Mar. 21.

Four days have passed without a single trace of Mr. H. F. Dyott, 52-year-old chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce, who was kidnapped by three Chinese from his home at No. 1 Newchwang Road, in the former German Concession, on March 17.

The British authorities here are doing their utmost to locate Mr. Dyott and effect his release. The Japanese authorities, through whom much of this work has to be done, have promised their fullest co-operation.

Concern for the safety of the missing man, who was managing director of Messrs. Wilson & Co. and one of the most prominent members of the British community, is mounting.

Details pieced together from the stories of trustworthy eyewitnesses show that Mr. Dyott might have been freed within a few minutes of his abduction but for the apathy of a Chinese policeman and a crowd of Chinese.

After forcing him out of the back door of his home into a waiting machine, the kidnappers had travelled less than 200 yards when their car developed engine trouble and came to a stop.

No Rescue Attempted

A curious crowd gathered around, but although Mr. Dyott had blood on his forehead and appeared to be in distress, no-one went to his rescue. A Chinese policeman on point duty less than 20 yards away completely ignored the scene, not budging from his post.

Mr. Dyott was seated in the car with his hands tied behind his back. He remained there until, fully half an hour later, he was transferred to another motor-car, a taxi-cab which his abductors had secured at pistol-point from a garage in Taku Road, not far from the spot where their own machine had broken down.

As soon as Mr. Dyott had been forced into the taxi-cab, it was driven off at full speed in the direction of Taku. Subsequent investigations showed that the car which had broken down bore forged number-plates.

Mr. Dyott was engaged in a telephone conversation when his would-be captors first appeared at his house, and their first act, in true Hollywood gangster-film style, was to cut the telephone line. Mrs. Dyott, who was upstairs at the time, ran down and tried to prevent her husband's abduction, but was struck and pushed aside.

The kidnappers gained entry into the house after intimidating the Chinese cook and boy with pistols. After their escape, the cook followed, but although he saw the broken-down car, with Mr. Dyott sitting in it, he was too scared to do anything.

The kidnapping, it is generally believed in foreign circles here, was the work of pro-Japanese terrorists.—Reuter.

Slovak Leaders Arrive In Berlin

Political Status of State To Be Defined

Berlin, Mar. 21.

M. Adalbert Tuka, Vice-President of the Slovak Government, and M. Ferdinand Durcansky, the Foreign Minister, arrived here today.

They intend to negotiate with the German Government regarding the political status of Slovakia and organize the country's economic relations with Germany.

According to well-informed quarters here, M. Tuka may become the Premier of Slovakia while Dr. Joseph Tiso, who occupies that post at present, will most likely be appointed President of the Slovak Republic.—Havas.

Commons Pass China Currency Bill Without Division

British Government Criticized for Failing To Take Lead to Aid Chinese People

London, Mar. 20.

THE China (Currency Stabilization) Bill, providing for the establishment of a £10,000,000 fund to check undue fluctuations in the sterling value of the Chinese dollar, was passed in the House of Commons today at the second reading, and the accompanying money resolution was agreed. There was no division in the Commons over the Bill,

Moving the second reading of the Bill, Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared that, while the total British trade with China was not a large percentage of Britain's world trade, it was "well worth preserving and assisting," especially as China had an immense population, and a small increase in purchases per head made an enormous difference. The outbreak of the present hostilities imposed a severe test on the currency system adopted in 1935. The Chinese had adopted very well-devised technical measures, and Chinese abroad had supported their currency with remittances, subscriptions and war loans.

Last year's currency was carried through in an orderly manner, with minimum disturbance or undermining of confidence.

"If the House supports this Bill," Sir John added, "they can be assured of the reputation and tradition of the Chinese in this matter."

Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, Labour member for East Edinburgh, said that he supported the Bill because it provided an incentive to British trade, and particularly because it gave China definite support in her struggle against Japan. The time might come, he said, when the Government would do well to consider how far they could take other action to strengthen the Chinese, and to prevent the Japanese from attempting a stranglehold.

More Should be Done

Mr. Geoffrey Mander, Opposition Liberal member for east Wolverhampton, also supporting the Bill, said that he regretted that the Government was approaching the matter in "far too narrow a spirit." He said that he thought they would have to do much more to secure the free entry of British trade into that part of the world. Mr. Mander added that the Government were "actually carrying out the League's resolutions."

Mr. Robert Boothby, Conservative member for East Aberdeen and Kincardine, said that his only regret was that this assistance had not come sooner, and was not more substantial.

Labour Objections

Mr. Ellis Smith, Labour member for the Stoke Division of Stoke-on-Trent, moving the rejection of the Bill, argued that it was impossible to check fluctuations unless a different political and economic policy was pursued by the Government in the Far East.

He accused the Government of "failing to take the lead in humanitarian assistance to the Chinese people, because they did not want to offend Japan." Mr. Smith went on to say that the Government's policy during the past eight years had been to "do a deal" with the aggressors at the expense of their victims.

Mr. John Tinker, Opposition Labour member for Leigh, seconding the amendment, declared that what the Government was now doing was the result of our not making a stand when Japan invaded China."

Mr. William Waldorf Astor, National Conservative member for East Fulham, said that he hoped the amendment would not be pressed. He said that nothing would more hearten the Chinese Government and people than that the House should pass the Bill unanimously.

Aid for Lancashire

Mr. W. A. Burke, Opposition Labour member for Burnley, said that they had to be very thankful for any concession, however, small, towards retaining the cotton trade, and helping them to maintain the markets they had got.

He believed, however, that Japan's struggles would really begin when the war was over. If the amendment were pressed to the point of a division in the House, he said, he would have to vote for the Government.

Mr. Frederick Bellenger, Labour member for the Bassetlaw Division of Notts, said that, if the purpose of the Bill was to foster Sino-British trade, he would support it.

At this point Sir John Simon intervened to give the House an assurance that that was the purpose of the Bill.

Mr. Bellenger asked whether the fund would be operated in co-operation with the United States and France, in the same manner as the tripartite agreement.

British Contribution

Sir John replied that, in different forms, efforts to assist the financial situation in China had been made by other governments—for example, the American Government had been purchasing considerable quantities of silver, but as far as this particular proposal was concerned he must ask the House to accept it "as our contribution."

Captain Euan Wallace, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replying to the debate, said that the Opposition speakers had admitted that the sum of £10,000,000 would be most effective for the purpose.

It had also been recognized in the debate that China's currency was not at present tottering. It had been stable for some time, and was very well supported from the inside.

Denying a suggestion that this was a proposal to prop up private banks, Capt. Wallace said that the reason why they were associating with four banks in the management of the fund was because they were thus able to dispose of an immense amount of ability and experience in this parti-

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Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 1/16d U.S.$ 16 1/16c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Mar. 21.

Silver prices declined in London today, with quotations being recorded as follows:—

	Mar. 20	Mar. 21
London spot	20 1/16d.	20d.
" forward	19 7/16d.	19 3/8d.
" gold	148/6d.	148/5d.
London/New York:		
One pound U.S.	$4.6815	$4.6844
One U.S. dollar	51.265d.	51.233d.

—Reuter.

British Action Criticized

Japanese Spokesmen Refer To Anti-British Outburst In Controlled Areas

"When the British Government takes action inimical to the interests of the Japanese authorities and the newly-established governments in China, it is only natural that popular sentiment against such action should appear in the press," stated a spokesman at the Japanese press conference last night when asked by an American correspondent if the Japanese authorities had taken any steps to suppress anti-British activities in areas under their control.

Referring especially to the newly-formed "Anti-British Association" in Nanking, the questioner asked if measures were being taken by the Japanese to suppress such organizations. In reply the spokesman stated that if there was such an organization in Nanking he would have heard of it. Stating that it was a hypothetical question which could not be answered, the spokesman dealt with a query as to whether an anti-American association would be formed in Nanking in view of the fact that the U.S.A. had advanced $25,000,000 to China.

Chinese Criticism

A military spokesman then expressed the opinion that the history of Anglo-Chinese relations and, in particular, certain tendencies appearing of late in British Governmental action had been the subject of criticism on the part of the Chinese themselves. Asked who had criticized British action among the Chinese, the spokesman announced that the new regimes had voiced their disapproval.

Asked if the Japanese authorities would expect anti-Japanese sentiments to be stopped in British newspapers, the spokesman stated that one had only to look at the British newspapers here to find out if they were anti-Japanese or not. He added that, naturally, they would not welcome such sentiments in the British press.

Replying to a questioner, who asked on what legal grounds the British Government could be held responsible for activities against the Nanking regime which nobody recognized, the spokesman stated that there were two regimes in China—the Chungking Government and the newly-formed Peiping and Nanking bodies. If the attitude of Great Britain tended to favour the Chungking regime it was only natural that sentiment against Britain should arise in Peiping and Nanking.

New German-Rumanian Accord Reached

Existing Trade Pact Extended, Modified

Bucharest, Mar. 20.

It is learned that a limited Trade Agreement between Rumania and Germany will almost certainly be signed on Wednesday. The agreement, it is understood, will be principally in the nature of a protocol extending the existing agreement. It is stated that such oil as will be granted to Germany under the agreement, will only amount to a small quantity, having little relation to what was originally asked.

It is expected that the agreement will be "the completion of the establishment of a trade pact concluded last November." Under the new agreement, it is stated that there will be additional direct exchange of goods because Germany is unable to pay in currency.

"Direct exchanges" will probably be chiefly that Germany will take more oil from Rumania, either from new wells which she will exploit herself, or from existing sources.

Well-informed circles maintain the attitude that the negotiations have been solely for the welcome purpose of extending trade between two friendly countries. Relations with Hungary, it is stressed, continue friendly, and orders have been given troops on the frontier to avoid all possibility of accident.—Reuter.

Japanese Abjures Leftist Doctrine

Tokyo, Mar. 21.

Mr. Kan Eguchi, proletarian writer and advocate of the so-called "orthodox" Popular Front, was sentenced to two years at hard labour here yesterday upon conviction of having violated the Peace Preservation Law. His sentence was suspended for three years by the sentencing judge who said Mr. Eguchi had "abjured leftist doctrines." Mr. Eguchi was arrested two years ago.—Domei.

Switzerland to Defend Territory to Last

Berne, Mar. 20.

A declaration that Switzerland was ready to defend the integrity of her territory to the last drop of her blood was read at the openng sessions of both Federal Chambers today.—Reuter.

Hungary Mobilizes Troops Along Rumanian Frontier

Premier and Foreign Minister to Pay State Visit to Rome and Berlin Late in April

Budapest, Mar. 20.

HUNGARIAN military authorities are of present proceeding with methodical military measures which will be practically completed on March 28 when all able-bodied men who have not yet fulfilled their term of conscription, will be called under colours. It was further revealed that the military authorities are bringing successively all Hungarian regiments to full strength. All mobilized men are immediately directed to the Rumanian and to the former Carpatho-Ukrainian borders. So far the normal peacetime effectives of the Hungarian army have been doubled. Infantry forces have been reinforced mainly in southern garrisons. Border guards detachments have also been strengthened.

Particular attention is being paid to strengthening the Debrecen and Szeged garrisons in South-Eastern Hungary, but the fact the garrisons are not yet on a war footing leads to the belief that the authorities are carefully avoiding the impression that Hungary is preparing deliberate aggression.

The Premier, Count Paul Teleki, and the Foreign Minister, Count Stephey Czaky, will make a state visit to Berlin and Rome some time in the later part of April, it was officially announced yesterday.

Admiral Nicholas Horthy, Regent of Hungary, addressed a proclamation to the Ruthenian people. The proclamation recalls that Hungarians and Ruthenians lived peacefully side by side for many centuries. Ruthenians will be granted autonomy within the Hungarian state, an autonomy which they would have never obtained otherwise. Ruthenia will enjoy prosperity through an extensive programme of public works, the proclamation concluded.

Three hundred Czech officers and soldiers, belonging to General Prchala's troops captured following the departure of the Carpatho-Ukrainian Premier from his country, were sent back today across the Hungarian frontier."—Havas.

Bucharest Surprised

Buiharest, Mar. 20.

Authoritative quarters here expressed surprise at military measures in Hungary. They stressed the fact that Rumania carefully avoided to make whatever gesture which might have been considered as threatening to her neighbours.—Havas.

Minority Demonstrates

Bucharest, Mar. 20.

Members of the Hungarian minority today demonstrated at Timisoara and Arad. The demonstrators, however, were easily dispersed, without serious incident. The demonstrations were attributed here to Hungarian broadcasts during the past few days, announcing that the Hungarians would soon be with their "lost brothers," and that these towns would soon come within Hungary, as Ruthenia had done.—Reuter.

Relations Strained

Budapest, Mar. 21.

Relations between Hungary and Rumania are not too cordial. Both sides have taken precautions on the frontier, but further developments lasgely depend on the general international situation.

It is quite conceivable that Germany might encourage Hungary's aims in Transylvania, but at present all is quiet on the eastern frontier. —Reuter.

Hungary Denies Reports

Budapest, Mar. 21.

Official circles here deny the reports of German demands asking for passage of German troops through Hungarian territory.—Reuter.

American Mission Hit by Bombs

Hospital, Residence at Siangyang Damaged in Japanese Air Raid

Chungking, Mar. 21.

The American Embassy here received a telegram this morning from the American Covenant Missionary Society at Siangyang stating that its hospital and also the foreign residence were bombed, but that all the Americans were safe. The telegram did not state the date of the air raid, which is believed here to have taken place on March 19.

The American authorities here have received no reports of the alleged bombing of American mission property in Kiangling, west of Shasi, on March 19, stating that there was no American Methodist Mission in Kiangling, but that there was an American Covenant Missionary Society in Kiangling, with one American woman, whose name had not yet been ascertained.—Reuter.

Fighting on Siang River

Chungking, Mar. 21.

Japanese forces on the east bank of the Siang River in Hupeh province, in the vicinity of Lohansze, crossed the river on the night of March 18, at two points, and are attempting to capture Shayang, east of Shasi, according to Chinese reports. Severe fighting is at present raging in that sector, the reports add.

Meanwhile, fighting has also broken out in the north Kiangsi front, where the Japanese crossed the Hsiu River on the evening of March 17 at two points, and are at present attempting to push to the south towards Nanchang, Chinese reports state.—Reuter.

Drive on Wuning

Hankow, Mar. 21.

Japanese army forces early today threatened to capture Wuning, a pivotal Chinese defence position in the Wangyang mountain range in north western Kiangsi province, as Japanese columns launched a concerted attack upon the Nationalist lines extending from Lake Poyang in the east to Lake Tungting in the west.

The piercing of these Chinese positions were expected here to have a telling effect upon the Chinese Nationalist defence strategy south of the Yangtze.

Japanese infantry forces last night infiltrated in large numbers into the Chinese camp near Wuning preparing for a bayonet assault upon the town, which was subjected to an intensive artillery barrage from dawn, field dispatches stated.

Attack on Sunday

Operations in this sector were launched on Sunday as a Japanese force struck westward from Loki on the Yungsui-Siusui highway, a communiqué issued by Japanese headquarters here at 10 o'clock this morning revealed.

By 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the official announcement said, the Japanese force had advanced to a line linking Kwanglinshan, Wangchwang and Tsinkou. Wanchwang is halfway between Loki and Wuning.

Thirteen Japanese units, Domei field dispatches revealed, were engaged in a furious battle in a rain-sogged terrain against five Chinese divisions, including the 53rd, 16th, 77th, 15th and Third.

One Japanese column, the reports said, had outflanked the Chinese threatening to cut off their retreat. More than 1,000 Chinese dead were left behind by their comrades as they retreated yesterday, the dispatches added.—Domei.

Chientang River Crossed

Hangchow, Mar. 21.

Japanese forces this morning crossed the Chientang River, flowing west to east south of here, to seize a Chinese defence position on the south bank of the river.

The landing was effected without loss to the Japanese units which are extending their zone of operations, brief field dispatches reaching here today said.—Domei.

Japan-American Trade Discussion

Chamber of Commerce Executives in Tokyo

Tokyo, Mar. 21.

Means for the promotion of Japanese-American trade were discussed between four visiting American Chamber of Commerce executives and Japanese industrialists and financiers at functions sponsored by Japanese trading and financial circles here yesterday afternoon.

Mr. George L. Eastman, of Los Angeles; Mr. Christie Thomas, of Seattle; Mr. Charles Page of San Francisco; and Mr. Lawrence Hartmann, of Portland were the guests of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, the Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha, and other trading firms, including the Japan Trade Development Association and other civilian and business groups, at a cocktail party at the Tokyo Club.

The visiting Americans had previously attended a luncheon at the Tokyo Kaikan sponsored by the Japan-America Trade Association, and attended by Mr. Susumu Terao, Director of the Bureau of Overseas Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Seijiro Yoshizawa, Director of the American Affairs Bureau, and Mr. Shikao Matsushima, Director of the Bureau of Trade of the Foreign Office.—Domei.

Britain Rejects Tokyo Protest

Polite Note Regarding Singapore Incidents Makes Comparisons

London, Mar. 21.

In a Note handed to Mr. Marmoru Shizemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, on March 18, the British Government replied to the Japanese representations made on January 18 regarding the treatment of Japaneee citizens in Singapore by the British authorities there.

The Brititsh Government declared that inquiries made by the British police in Singapore in several Japanese establishments were entirely legal. These inquiries proved it unquestionably certain that certain Japanese citizens intended to devote themselves to activities which might have compromised the order and security of the British colony.

Japanese citizens are subjected to no administrative restrictions different from those accorded any other foreigners in Singapore.

The British Note invites the Japanese Government to compare the measures of protection taken by the British authorities since the fortification of Singapore with the measures taken by the Japanese authorities in Japan's fortified zones and alluded to the activities of the Japanese police and certain Japanese authorities who are always subject to "spy mania."

The Note ends by hoping for the maintenance of cordial relations between the two Governments and the British and Japanese residents in Singapore.—Havas.

French Envoy Coming To Shanghai

Chungking, Mar. 21.

M. Henri Cosme, the new French Ambassador to China, will leave Chungking tomorrow by air for Shanghai, via Kunming and Hanoi. He hopes to be able to visit North China, but no definite plan has been made. After a short stay in Shanghai, M. Cosme expects to return to Chungking.—Reuter.

British Papers Seized By Gestapo

Berlin, Mar. 21.

This morning's edition of every British newspaper, including "The Times," was seized upon arrival on German soil by the Gestapo (secret police). The seizure was due to reports on the Central European situation which appeared in the papers. —Havas.

Britain, France Are "Public Enemies"

Nanking Wants Exclusion From Yangtze of Powers Aiding China Government

Nanking, Mar. 21.

"Germany and Italy are the Powers friendly to China, while Britain, France and the Soviet Union are her 'public enemies' and if and when Japan reopens the Yangtze River to navigation, priority should be given to friendly Powers in marked discrimination against 'public enemy' countries," a spokesman of the "Reformed Government" stated here today.

"By declaring the Powers assisting Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's regime to be the public enemies of China in a statement issued on February 25 the 'Reformed Government' called upon these Powers to reflect upon their attitude. At the same time it clearly pointed out the principles with which the 'Reformed Government' will deal with them.

"We noticed with regrets, however, that Britain and France have not rectified their attitude.

"We are in receipt of information that France is continuing to supply materials and munitions through French Indo-China, while Britain extended a £10,000,000 loan to the Chungking Government.

"Thus the actions of Britain and France have hampered the realization of our great hope for peace for the sake of China's national salvation. Therefore, we declare that Britain and France, conspiring with Gen. Chiang, are the very countries which are subjecting the millions of Chinese people to hellish agonies, which are growing ever more acute by the protraction of hostilities.

Decisive Blow

"There is no way left for us but to deal a decisive and thorough blow of exclusion to the harmful existence in China of Britain and France.

"It is a well-known fact that these Powers have been demanding that Japan reopen the Yangtze River to navigation, by asking America to take a common stand, but Japan is now carrying on hostilities to overthrow the Gen. Chiang Kai-shek régime, which is the origin of evils in East Asia and the cat's-paw of Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

"The real enemies are these Powers which are backing Gen. Chiang's régime. It is decidedly impossible for Japan, which is fighting against them, to leave at the disposal of these enemies the Yangtze River, which is the only strategic line in the rear.

"What are the true intentions of Britain and France? Obviously they are simply seeking to derive profits and benefits from China by throwing a straw for the drowning Gen. Chiang to grasp.

"The European Powers, Britain and France in particular, which heretofore have had huge rights and interests in China, are availing themselves of every possible opportunity to give continued assistance to Gen. Chiang in order to retain their rights and interests securely. They have also been giving all facilities and support in their power to the disturbers of peace and order.

"Worst of all, there has been clear evidence proving that these Powers, taking advantage of their national flags, have been supplying the peace disturbers with arms."—Domei.

Sharp U.S. Note Sent to Reich

Break in Relations Possible; Neutrality Law Change Expected

Washington, Mar. 21.

The United States delivered a formal protest to the German Embassy last night against Nazi military invasion of Czecho-Slovakia.

Official sources said the Note was one of the sharpest ever dispatched by the United States in peace time. Some quarters privately expressed the conviction that it might lead to a rupture in relations between Berlin and Washington.

The Note was reported to condemn in blunt terms Germany's acquisition of Czecho-Slovakia as a violation of international law and a threat to world stability.

The State Department instructed Mr. Wilbur J. Carr, United States Minister in Prague, to close the American Legation. This reduces United States representation in Prague to a Consulate-General.

New Neutrality Bill

Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, introduced in Congress yesterday his new neutrality bill which would give the President broad powers in invoking retaliatory measures against Powers guilty of aggression or uneconomic trade practices.

The new bill met immediate opposition from Senator Bennett Champ Clark, Isolationist Democrat of Missouri, who warned that the Pittman Bill would "facilitate our drifting into war."

Senator Pittman immediately admitted that the bill was designed to give Democracies advantages over Totalitarian Powers in the event of general hostilities. He said the "cash and carry" clause would operate to the benefit of nations controlling the seas, thereby aiding Britain and France.

The new bill provides that within 30 days after the outbreak of declared or undeclared hostilities, the President of the United Staies shall proclaim the nations involved. Thereafter it will be unlawfull for an American ship to carry passengers or cargo directly or indirectly to any state named.

Senator Pittman said he believed the bill should be applied in the Sino-Japanese conflict as soon as it is passed.—United Press.

Birmingham Terrorists Sentenced

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 20.

Two of those accused under the Explosives Act at Birmingham in January were today sentenced to ten years' penal servitude. The third was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.—Reuter.

New Land Found In Antarctic

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Capetown, Mar. 20.

The British research ship Discovery II has discovered new land in the Antarctic.—Reuter.

Lord Halifax Exposes German Invasion

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After referring to the recall of the British Ambassador (Sir Nevile Henderson) from Berlin, Lord Halifax said:—

"I think we can claim that we left the German Government in no doubt as to the attitude of His Majesty's Government. Although I do not cherish any exaggerated hopes of what may be the effect, it was right that protests should have been registered."

Lord Halifax then referred to German apologists trying to justify the action of the Reich by reference to the past history of the British Empire.

He said that the principle on which the British Empire was conducted was self-government, and "wherever we have been, we have left a trail of freedom and self-government. Our record has nothing in common with the suppression of liberty.

"True, we always recognized that Germany was more interested in South-Eastern Europe than we ourselves, but the position is entirely changed when we are confronted with arbitrary suppression of a sovereign State by armed force, and the violation of the elementary rules of international conduct."

Munich Policy Defended

Referring to the Opposition's statement that Mr. Chamberlain's policy at Munich was a personal policy, Lord Halifax said that, if by that it was meant that Mr. Chamberlain's policy was one to which he had given every ounce of energy, imagination and resolution which he possessed, "I should not disagree."

"But if it is suggested," Lord Halifax declared, "that it was a policy pursued without the fullest co-operation of myself as Foreign Secretary, and of every member of His Majesty's Government, then I must take leave to oppose a most emphatic contradiction" (loud ministerial cheers, in which members in the Commons Gallery joined).

There were two purposes, Lord Halifax stated, to the Munich settlement.

The first was to effect a settlement as fair as might be, in all the extremely difficult circumstances existing at that time, of a problem which was a real one, and the treatment of which was an urgent necessity, if the peace of Europe were to be preserved.

Purposes at Munich

"I have no doubt whatever," Lord Halifax went on, "that the Government were right, in the light of all the information available to them, to take the course they did" (cheers).

The second purpose of the Munich settlement was to bring more security for the people of Europe, on the basis of freely accepted consultations, as a means whereby all future differences might be adjusted.

Lord Halifax recalled that Herr Hitler, last September, had appealed to the principle of self-determination. That principle had now been rudely contradicted by a sequence of acts which denied the very right on which the German attitude was based.

Whatever was true about the treatment of 250,000 Germans, it was impossible to believe that it could only be remedied by the subjugation of 8,000,000 Czechs.

"Are we to believe," demanded Lord Halifax, "that German policy has entered a new phase, directed at the domination of non-German peoples?

"Such grave questions are being asked in all parts of the world.

New Technique Shown

"The German occupation of Czechoslovakia has been furthered by new methods.

"The world has lately seen more than once a new departure in the field of international technique.

"Countries are now faced with the encouragement of separatism, not only in the interests of separatist elements, but also in the imperial interests of Germany.

"These methods are simple, and, with growing experience, quite unmistakable.

"Have we any assurance that they will not be employed elsewhere?

"Every neighbour of Germany is now uncertain of tomorrow, and every country which values its national identity and sovereignty stands warned against the danger from within, inspired from without.

Rumanian "Ultimatum"

"I am glad that the Rumanian Government has denied a report that went so far as to speak of an ultimatum—but it is not surprising that the Rumanian and other Governments view with the gravest misgivings the happenings of the last few days."

Lord Halifax described the measures taken to relieve the refugee situation, and said that the Government would continue to do whatever they could to mitigate the consequences of recent events. It was quite plain, however, that the success of anything which they attempted depended upon the attitude of the German Government.

"In years past," Lord Halifax proceeded, "the British people desired to be on friendly terms with the German people.

"Our people were not backward in recognizing some of the mistakes of the Versailles Treaty, which needed remedying, but each time during the last few years that there has been a chance of making progress in an understanding, the German Government has taken action which made such progress impossible. More especially has this been the case in recent months.

Sequels After Munich

"Shortly after Munich, measures were taken in Germany which gave a profound shock to world opinion.

"All the initiative towards closer economic collaboration has been frustrated by Germany's action last week, and it is difficult to say when our attempts can easily be resumed.

"The British Government has not failed to draw a moral from these events, and has lost no time in placing themselves in close and practical consultation with the Dominions, and the other Governments concerned, on the issues which have suddenly been made so plain.

"History records many attempts to impose domination on Europe—but all have terminated in disaster.

"The German people, if history is any guide, will regret their action against Czechoslovakia."

In the earlier part of his speech, Lord Halifax stated that one of the two main aims of the Munich Agreement, that of giving more security to the people of Europe, had been, as they could all observe, disastrously belied by events.

Beliefs and Hopes

As to the Opposition's charge that Herr Hitler's assurances had been too readily believed, Herr Hitler had said that neither the Prime Minister nor himself had failed to be acutely conscious of the differences between beliefs and hopes.

The British Government has always acted with the knowledge that only with time could hopes be converted into sure beliefs.

Turning to Herr Hitler's actions, Lord Halifax said:—"In his actions until after Munich, a case could have been made for Herr Hitler having been true to his own principles—the exclusion of non-Germans from the Reich, and so on—principles which he has now overthrown.

"In the inclusion of 8,000,000 Czechs under the German Reich, he has surely been untrue to his old philosophy." —Reuter.

Lithuania Gives Way to Germans

Self-Determination Right Acknowledged For Memel Populace

Berlin, Mar. 20.

M. Joseph Urbsys, Foreign Minister of Lithuania, who had been visiting Rome and Berlin, left for Kauans today. It is reliably understood that, before leaving, he formally accepted the principle of self-determination in favour of the German population of Memel.—Havas.

Lithuanian Parliament

Kaunas, Mar. 21.

Owing to the serious situation in Memel, an extraordinary meeting of the Lithuanian Parliament was convoked for his morning, when the Government will make a statement.

Following the talk in Berlin yesterday between M. Joseph Urbsys, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister, and Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, Lithuanian political circles here believe that the Reich will support the Memel German separatists.

President Smetona and the Premier, M. Mironas, have appealed to the Lithuanian youth "to strengthen their resistance."—Reuter.

Three German Requests

Memel, Mar. 20.

Reports are widely current in Memel that the Memel Germans are contemplating the presentation of far-reaching demands on Lithuania.

Both sides deny that the demands have been presented, but the following demands are anticinated:—

1. Lithuania to hand over Memel control posts, telegraphs, railways and other communications, and also the income from harbour dues;
2. Dismissed Memel German state officials to be reinstated, and arrears of salaries to be paid;
3. The Lithuanian garrison and frontier police to be withdrawn.—Reuter.

German Troop Moves

Paris, Mar. 20.

Movements of German troops are reported to be taking place in the region of the East Prussian-Lithuanian frontier, between the towns of Insterburg and Tilsit according to the newspapers "L Intransigeant."—Reuter.

Return Believed Settled

Berlin, Mar. 21.

The belief is growing in political circles here that the return of Memel to Germany, to all intents and purposes, was settled during the interview yesterday between Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, and M. Joseph Urbsys, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister. The visit is described as a courtesy call, but it lasted three-quarters of an hour.—Reuter.

WITH a view to promoting widespread publicity work in villages among the broad masses of the Chinese people, all sorts of talented Chinese youths are now being enlisted by the Three People's Principles Youth Corps in Chungking, says a Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao." Musicians, theatrical troupers, artists, photographers, and other amateur talents are now being called for by the corps. The corps will be organized in small groups comprising the above talents, and after a period of preparation, sent to villages in the inland to conduct publicity campaigns, the report states.

"Deficiency of information in Japanese English-language newspapers is completed very successfully by an English newspaper in Kobe **The Japan Chronicle** . . on its pages can often be found criticisms of the political and economic actions of the Japanese Government and various other information which gives the opportunity to observe and to analyse the Japanese economic situation. In addition to the usual material obtainable from all the Japanese English-language newspapers. The **Japan Chronicle** gives a very detailed and comprehensive review of the foreign trade of Japan. It regularly prints statistics pertaining to Japanese exports and the state of the home market." — *Extracts from U.S.S.R. Chamber of Commerce Journal.*

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Primate Suggests Pope Takes Lead

London, Mar. 20.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang, commenting on the German menace in the House of Lords today, urged the calling together of all Christendom under the leadership of Pope Pius XII.

"If his Holiness," he said, "will give the lead, I can promise that all the leaders of the Anglican Orthodox and Protestant churches will give their support."—United Press.

Commons Pass China Currency Bill Without Division

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cular job. The banks had also the great merit of being on the spot.

Whatever the Government might or might not have done in the past to help the Chinese, there was not the slightest doubt that the Bill would be a distinct and very great help to the Chinese. He hoped that the Bill would be unanimously approved, because this would have a considerable physchological effect upon China.

N. China Currency Plan

Referring to Japan's currency plan in North China, and to the British Government's protest against this plan, Capt. Wallace added that what, perhaps, was more comforting was that those best qualified to judge were inclined to think, that the plan would, in practice, break down.

If an attempt were made to alter the dollar rate from 8½d. to 1s. 2d. the immediate result seemed likely to be the cessation of the export trade, and it seemed that China's legal tender currency would continue to circulate, except in the towns, and along the railways, where Japan's control was effcetive.

Capt. Wallace said that the place of operation of the fund would be Hongkong, and that the £10,000,000 would be subscribed immediately.

Interest on the fund would be available to help Chinese banks to pay the interest due to the British banks.

The interest had been agreed at 2¾ per cent. for the present.

If the agreement were renewed after a year, a higher or lower rate of interest might be appropriate.

The reason why the upward rate of interest had not been detailed in the Bill, Captain Wallace explained, was that the agreement might continue to run for a number of years, and "we do not want to keep coming back to the House for authority."—Reuter.

"Ta Tao" Official Slain in Hotel

Daring Gunman Escapes After Firing One Shot; Police Investigating

Wong Chih-zung, 40 year-old boat-tax collector of the "Reformed Government" in Huchow, Chekiang, was killed by a lone gunman at 9.20 a.m. in his room at the Wei Tsoong Hotel on Hankow Road.

The thug, it was learned, opened the door and asked: "Are you Wong?" Whereupon the victim, shaving in front of a mirror at the time, turned round, answered in the affirmative and fell to the floor, mortally injured by a shot in the head. The gunman decamped.

The whole tragedy occurred in a few seconds, and before Wong's room companion, whose identity could not be learned yesterday, was able to raise the alarm, the desperado had escaped.

Wong was married and lived in Huchow, having arrived here with the man who stayed in his room on March 17 at noon. He had been in the employ of the "Reformed Government" for some time.

No identification papers were said to have been found on the body of the killed man and his pockets only yielded a few tooth-picks of Japanese origin.

Another report has it that the victim was the head of the Shipping Control Bureau of the "Ta Tao" government in Shanghai and that his predecessor, Chen Fu-sen, was shot by terrorists on June 29, 1938, as he was riding along Yu Ya Ching Road in a rickshaw.

A cartridge case was found on the scene and one report has it that a bullet was also found in the room, although this could not be confirmed. Ballistic experts at Police headquarters checked on the spent cartridge case, whilst detectives both from headquarters and Louza police station were making further enquiries.

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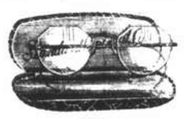

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Russians Detained For Arms Dealings

Thousand Rounds of Ammunition Found

Four Russians and a Chinese faced the Second Special District Court and were remanded in the custody of the French police for ten days so as to enable the latter to make further investigations, in the suspects' alleged dealings in arms and ammunition.

Whilst Chinese press reports claim that the Russians had large stocks of rifle ammunition here, the "North-China Daily News" reliably learned yesterday that only two or three packages containing about 1,000 rounds of ammunition in all, were found in the home of one of the detained foreigners and that, although investigations had not yet been completed, it seemed as though they might be charged with fraud rather than of dealing in arms and ammunition, as, according to the investigating officers, no arms were found on the raided premises.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE proceeds of the last Cradle Bridge-Mahjongg at the Y.M.C.A. March 13, totalled $175.40.

AMONG the passengers bound for Manila were Mr. H. E. Woodward, Mr. J. Greiner, Mrs. I Malarevsky, Miss Malarevsky, Mr. C. Cruz, Mr. R. Harland.

AT H. M. Police Court yesterday, before Mr. I. T. Morris, Acting Magistrate, Mr. G. M. Mills was cautioned for parking his car on Foochow Road during prohibited hours on the morning of March 6.

AT today's meeting of the "Keys" to be held in the Club rooms, 999 Bubbling Well Road, the guest speaker will be Miss Agnes Moncrieff on "Free China." Friends and all those interested are invited to attend. Tea will be served at 5.30 p.m.

MR. P. R. M. Wallis, Far Eastern manager of Confederation Life Association of Canada, returned to Shanghai yesterday after an extended visit to Malaya, Siam and Hongkong. Mr. Wallis was accompanied by his eldest son and will be proceeding to Canada on long leave on April 1.

A TOTAL of 8,994 foreign and Chinese pupils enrolled in the Municipal Schools during the current term, according to a statement by the Council's Education Department yesterday. Details are: Foreign Schools, 1,266; Chinese Secondary Schools, 2,616, and Chinese Primary Schools 5,112.

ROTARIAN C. W. Petitt, General Secretary of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Rotary Club this week, on Thursday at the Metropole Hotel, 1st Floor, 12.15 p.m. The subject, "One Rotarian's Responsibility in a New Social Order," promises to be one of exceeding interest to all Rotarians.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council has accepted the resignation of Dr. K. Kimura from the Orchestra and Band Committee, upon his departure for Japan, and has conveyed to him its gratitude for his valuable services on the Committee and its appreciation of the interest displayed by him in the welfare of the Municipal orchestra and band.

YESTERDAY being the 13th anniversary of the entry of the Kuomintang army into Shanghai during the famous Northern Expedition led by General Chiang Kai-shek from Canton the day was commemorated by the Chinese here. Owing to the rain not many Chinese flags were hung out but it was reported that commemoration meetings were held in various schools many of which declared a holiday.

THE S.S.P.C.A. bridge and mah jongg tea in aid of funds of the society, under the auspices of Lady Mossop assisted by Mrs. P. H. Barton and Mrs. H. L. Bridges, will be held at the American Women's Club, 577 Bubbling Well Road, today at 3 p.m. Players are requested to bring their own cards and mah jongg sets. Further applications for tables cannot be accepted. 52 tables have been reserved and 44 donation tables have been given.

ON Thursday, March 23, at 10 o'clock the members of the Civic Department of the American Women's Club will meet at the Community Church to proceed to the Salvation Army's Refugee Camp, Route de Sieyes, on an inspection tour. Brigadier Morris has very kindly promised to place a guide at the disposal of the ladies. In case of rain on the preceeding day, the visit will be postponed.

THERE will be a specially arranged Lenten Service in the Holy Trinity Cathedral this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock, when Mr. Weaver will deliver the fifth in his series of devotional addresses on "The Mountains of Jesus," his subject this afternoon being, "The Mountain of Pain." Preceding the service Mrs. J. Davidson, A.L.R.M., who is presiding at the organ for the Lenten Services, will play a short programme of organ music, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

OFFICIAL celebrations of the first anniversary of the establishment of the "Reformed Government" on March 28 will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning when directors of the various bureaux of the Greater Shanghai City Government will meet in the main assembly hall of the City Government Building in Kiangwan to hear an address by Mr. Fu Siao-en, the Mayor. In the afternoon a mass meeting will be held at the Foo Ming Theatre in Hongkew to celebrate the event. A lantern procession is also being planned.

THE Missiouri Society of China will hold its first annual dinner dance tonight at Farren's Nursery. More than 100 persons, including members and their guests, are expected to attend. Recently organized, the Society is the first American State group which has started functioning locally. Officers of the organization are: President, Mr. Thomas Millard; Vice President, Judge Milton J. Helmick; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Maurice Votaw. The programme for the dinner dance will include the regular floor show at Farren's Night Club. Music will be provided by the Viennese Quartette.

AMONG the passengers who sailed yesterday for Hongkong in the Empress of Asia were: Sir Victor Sassoon, Mr. C. H. Arkwright, Mr. V. Desborough, Mr. R. E. Gilleland, Mr. O. Morgenstern, Dr. D. J. Collins, Mr. W. C. Farnham, Lieut R.T.F. Brown, Lieut. G. C. Collins, Mr. A. O. Potter, Mr. P. H. Klimanek, Mr. T. Nara, Mrs. R. R. Sarrault, Mr. H. H. Kaufmann, Mr. Y. Syadiants, Mr. R. A. da Silva, Rev. F. Short, Mr. R. Rauck, Mr. F. Green, Mr. D. Gray, Mr. W. Cruickshank, Mr. S. McQuay, Mr. J. Wethersby, Mr. R. Livingstone, Mr. W. J. Kelly.

A REAL "Mu Lan," a noted historical heroine in Chinese history, in the person of Miss Tang Kwei-lin, 24, a native of Hunan, has been found in the ranks of the 52nd Chinese Army Division. Her identity has been kept a great secret for eight years, the report adds, after she had successfully passed off in her disguise in a man's military uniform. She saw action in recent heavy fighting in Anhwei province, manning a light machine-gun. She has been seriously wounded and has just recovered. When she offered to return to the front recently, her identity was discovered.

Japanese Dealer Stabbed

Mystery Surrounds Case; Victim's Condition is Improving

Mr. K. Mukai, 58 year-old Japanese proprietor of a small haberdashery shop located at 250 Bubbling Well Road in the same building as the Grand Theatre, was stabbed at 11 a.m. yesterday and is now lying at the Foo Ming Hospital in a very critical condition, although doctors last night, believed that they would be able to save his life.

The attempted assassination was first noticed when Mr. Mukai had an altercation in front of his shop with a Ford Hire car driver who refused the victim's request to drive him to the Foo Ming Hospital. A foreign police officer near the scene interested himself in the argument and soon learned that Mr. Mukai had been stabbed with a paint scraping knife. The officer ordered an emergency ambulance and had Mr. Mukai taken to the Japanese hospital.

According to information subsequently gathered by the "North-China Daily News," Mr. Mukai is stated to have told the police officer that at about 11 a.m., two Chinese entered his shop and stabbed him at a spot about one inch left of his left breast with a blunt, four-cornered carpenter's paint scraping knife. The two assailants, according to Mr. Mukai, were then said to have departed from the shop, without taking anything with them. They also left the knife at the place of the crime.

Kimono Discarded

When detectives from Sinza police station arrived at the shop a few minutes later, they found that the kimono in which Mr. Mukai had been dressed at the time of the attempt on his life, was lying in the shop and that prior to leaving, he must have gone to the first floor to put on a clean kimono.

Furthermore, it was understood, Mr. Mukai had not raised any alarm so that the C. P. C. posted outside the shop did not know of the attempted killing until the argument with the driver ensued.

It therefore transpires that Mr. Mukai, in a great presence of mind, notwithstanding the pain which the six-inch deep wound must have caused, proceeded to the little room on top of his shop, changed his clothes so that no blood marks would be noticeable and calmly walked out of his shop to await the arrival of the hire-car in which he wanted to proceed to the hospital. He is also said to have locked the door prior to leaving.

As far as is known, Mr. Mukai was not alone in the shop, a Japanese woman, whose identity could not be ascertained, being believed to have been there at the time of the alleged assault by the two Chinese.

The woman, it was learned late yesterday evening, had meanwhile been located by the Japanese authorities who are also investigating the case, and is understood to have confirmed Mr. Mukai's version of the attack by the two Chinese. The hire car, bearing licence number 12280 was said to have been ordered by a Japanese, according to Ford Hire telephone operators questioned by the "North-China Daily News" yesterday, although it could not be ascertained whether a woman or a man telephoned.

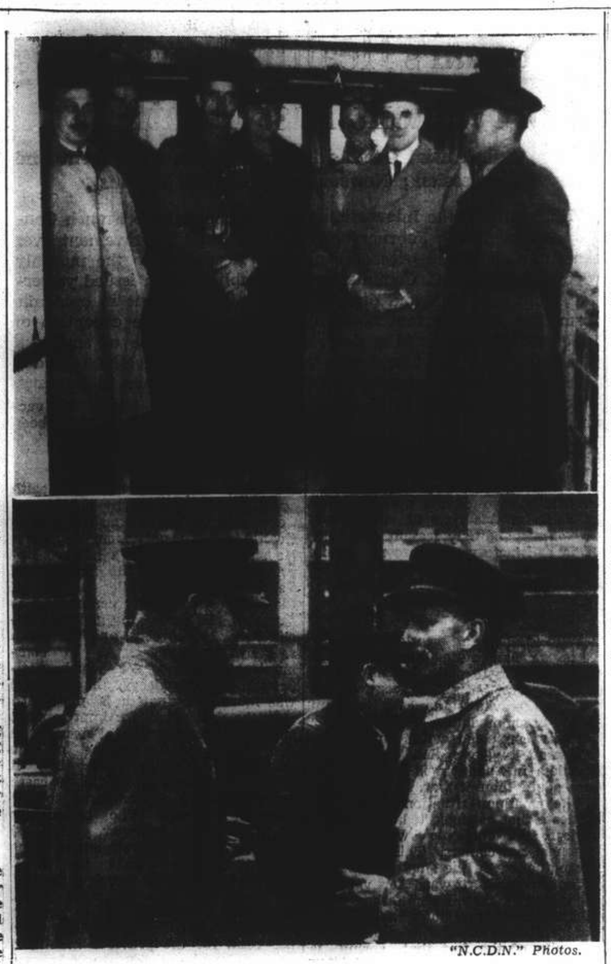
Additional enquiries made by a "North-China Daily News" reporter revealed that none of the occupants of the adjoining shops heard anything, obtaining their first knowledge of the attack when police arrived on the scene, whilst an employee of a Chinese hardware shop, situated in the immediate vicinity of the scene of the crime, stated that about a week ago, a Chinese had bought a knife exactly identical with the one found at the scene. The description given of the purchaser of this tool was rather vague however, the employee merely stating that he came to the shop, bought the knife in question together with a carpenter's pencil.

Victim Well Known

Mr. Mukai is well known all over the Far East and was one of Japan's wealthiest curios dealers some 25 years ago. With the reduction in the number of tourist ships from America and Europe which subsequently made one of the Japanese ports, a port of call however, he gradually lost his fortune and opened his present shop many years ago. During the hostilities in 1937, he left for Japan and he returned here early in 1938. As far as could be learned, Mr. Mukai had never engaged in politics and he is a highly respected member of the local Japanese community.

Japanese consular and military police arrived at the scene shortly before 2 p.m. yesterday and commenced investigations. Detectives from S. M. P. headquarters and from Sinza police station are at present investigating the case.

CONVICTED of illegal trafficking in drugs, four members of a Korean family living at 8 Route Vallon, were deported from Shanghai a few days ago by order of the Japanese Consular Police, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday.



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East Surreys C.O. Leaves for Home

Lieut.-Col. E. L. L. Acton, M.C., C.O., of the 2nd Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment for the past four years, sailed for Hongkong yesterday in the ss. Taiyuan on his way to England and retirement. A distinguished assembly gathered at the French Bund to bid farewell to the departing officer and he was accorded military honours by the band and bugles of his regiment. Top picture shows (left to right) Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, H.M. Superintending Consul; Lieut.-Col. R. A. Wolfe Murray, commanding the Seaforth Highlanders; Lieut.-Col. Acton, Col. J. C. Fegan, commanding the Fourth U.S. Marines; Mr. W. C. Clarke, Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General; and a U.S. Marine officer. Lower picture shows Lieut.-Col. Acton saying farewell to fellow officers.

OBITUARIES

Sir Robert Wallace

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 20.

Sir Robert Wallace, formerly M.P. for Perth, and Chairman of the London Sessions, died in Kensington today at the age of 88. Known as the "merciful judge," Sir Robert founded the probation system.—Reuter.

Dr. J. H. Robertson

Annapolis, Mar. 21.

Dr. James Alexander Robertson, Maryland archivist, died here last night at the age of 66. He was an authority on Latin American and Philippine affairs. He owned what is perhaps the most important private collection of Philippiana in existence.—United Press.

Bill on Cotton Sales Outside U.S.

Washington, Mar. 20.

A resolution was formally introduced into the Senate today by Senator Walter F. George, Democrat of Georgia, to prohibit the sale of American cotton abroad at below cost.—Reuter.

Lieut.-Col. Acton Leaves for Home

Distinguished Assembly Bids Farewell to East Surreys Commander

To the rousing strains of Auld Lang Syne, played by the Regimental band, and a salute by buglers from the Battalion, Lieut.-Col. E. L. L. Acton, retiring commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment, sailed for Hongkong and England yesterday afternoon in the ss. Taiyuan.

As reported in the "North-China Daily News" yesterday, Lieut.-Col. Acton has retired from the active list after being in command of the East Surreys, now stationed in Shanghai as the regular British battalion, for the past four years. Command of the East Surreys has now been handed over to Major G. E. Swinton, M.C. who, with the commanding officers of other foreign defence units in Shanghai, was present at the French Bund yesterday to say farewell to the departing commander, shortly before the Taiyuan sailed.

Leaving the Officers' Mess at the Great Western Road billets shortly before noon, Lieut.-Col. Acton was saluted by the officers of the Battalion and, as his car proceeded out of the billets, he was again saluted by soldiers from the Regiment, who were lined on each side of the road leading out of the billets.

At the French Bund, where the Taiyuan was berthed, a distinguished assembly of naval, military and civilian officials had gathered to say farewell to Lieut.-Col. Acton, amongst those present being Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General; Col. L. Perretier, commanding the French Forces in Shanghai; Col. J. C. Fegan, commanding the Fourth United States Marines; the Commanding Officer of the Royal Italian Marines; and Major K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of Police. Also present were the officers of the East Surrey Regiment and their wives, officers from the French, American and Italian forces, and a large number of civilian friends of Lieut.-Col. Acton.

Buglers' Salute

Drawn up alongside the Taiyuan were the band of the Regiment and buglers and, as the ship drew out into midstream, with Lieut.-Col. Acton standing on the deck, "Auld Lang Syne" was played and the buglers blew a salute. Then followed three hearty cheers which Col. Acton acknowledged with a cheery farewell wave.

Upon arrival in Hongkong Col. Acton will spend three days as the guest of Major-General A. E. Graset, G.O.C. British Forces in China, before proceeding to England in the troopship Lancashire, which has brought several reliefs out to the Far East.

Possessing a distinguished Great War record, Lieut.-Col. Acton took over the command of the 2nd Battalion on April 8, 1931 at Colchester, Essex. During the war he was awarded the M.C., and was wounded at Messines. Command of the British Forces in Shanghai will now be transferred temporarily to Lieut.-Col. R. A. Wolfe Murray, commanding the 1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, until the new G.O.C., Col. F. K. Simmons, arrives in June.

French Commandant Due Today

Lieut.-Col. Grenier, new Commandant of the French garrison in Shanghai, is arriving today by the Chenonceaux and will officially assume command on March 29. Lieut.-Col. Perretier, the present Commandant, is officially leaving Shanghai on March 30 but will spend a short holiday in Japan before leaving Shanghai in the Jean Laborde on April 25.

Supt. Crouch Again Honoured

Farewell Presentation Made at Police Club

Superintendent R. J. Crouch, who officially retired from the Shanghai Municipal Police yesterday, was the guest of honour at a simple but impressive presentation made to him by Major K. M. Bourne, Commissioner, on behalf of all officers and ranks of the force. During the reception, which was held at the Police Club on the seventh floor of the S. M. P. Headquarter building at 5.30 p.m. yesterday, the Commissioner recalled that the retiring officer had been with the S. M. P. for over 28 years, during which time he had gradually attained the rank he was at present holding. He pointed out the number of occasions on which Supt. Crouch had been commended for outstanding services and, in conclusion, wished him and his family a well-deserved, happy and pleasant retirement.

In reply, Superintendent Crouch said that he was deeply moved by the present made to him, which consisted of a beautiful silver tray for a tea set, and pointed out that, whilst this was the day to which he had been looking forward to for many years, it was a sad moment for him to leave his many friends on the force, with whom he had worked for over a quarter of a century. He said that he visualized himself, on arriving in Hongkong, taking the next boat back to Shanghai to rejoin the S.M.P. as a Probationary Sergeant.

In referring to the men who had worked with and under him, Supt. Crouch said that they were the finest lot of men that he had ever known, and visibly moved, he proposed a toast to the Shanghai Municipal Police.

Supt. Crouch is leaving for England aboard the ss. Antenor on April 1, together with his wife, a daughter and a son, who plans to join the Royal Air Force.

THE losses sustained by the Chinese fishery interests in East Chekiang since the outbreak of the current hostilities aggregate $2,207,232, according to an estimate just released by the Bureau of Reconstruction of the Chekiang Provincial Government. Direct losses aggregate $145,950, while indirect losses as a result of the hotilities, the report states, aggregate $2,061,302.

Youths Charged with Carrying Opium

Drug Believed Smuggled Into Settlement from West

That opium hongs in the western district are also doing business in the Settlement was revealed yesterday in the First Special District Court when five Chinese boys in their early teens were brought before the tribunal on suspicion that they have been transporting the drug to a branch hong in the Settlement.

Owing to the complicated nature of the case, the police asked the court to postpone the hearing and accordingly Judge Fu postponed the hearing to March 28. The accused were remanded in custody.

The initial arrest was made on Monday when Lin Chiao-sen, one of the boys was caught while he was travelling in a bus near Chengtu Road. When the bus stopped officers attached to the Chengtu Road Police Station took Lin into custody and on his person, it was alleged, more than four pounds of opium were found.

Through his alleged confession, the police visited a house at 641 Hankow Road which was alleged to be the branch office of an opium hong located in Sing Kong Li, an alleyway in the Chinese territory near Connaught Road. There the police caught the rest of the boys. Among them one was alleged to be a brother of the manager of the western district hong.

It was revealed in court that in order to escape from the attention of Settlement authorities opium hong managers in the western district have employed boys to do transportation work.

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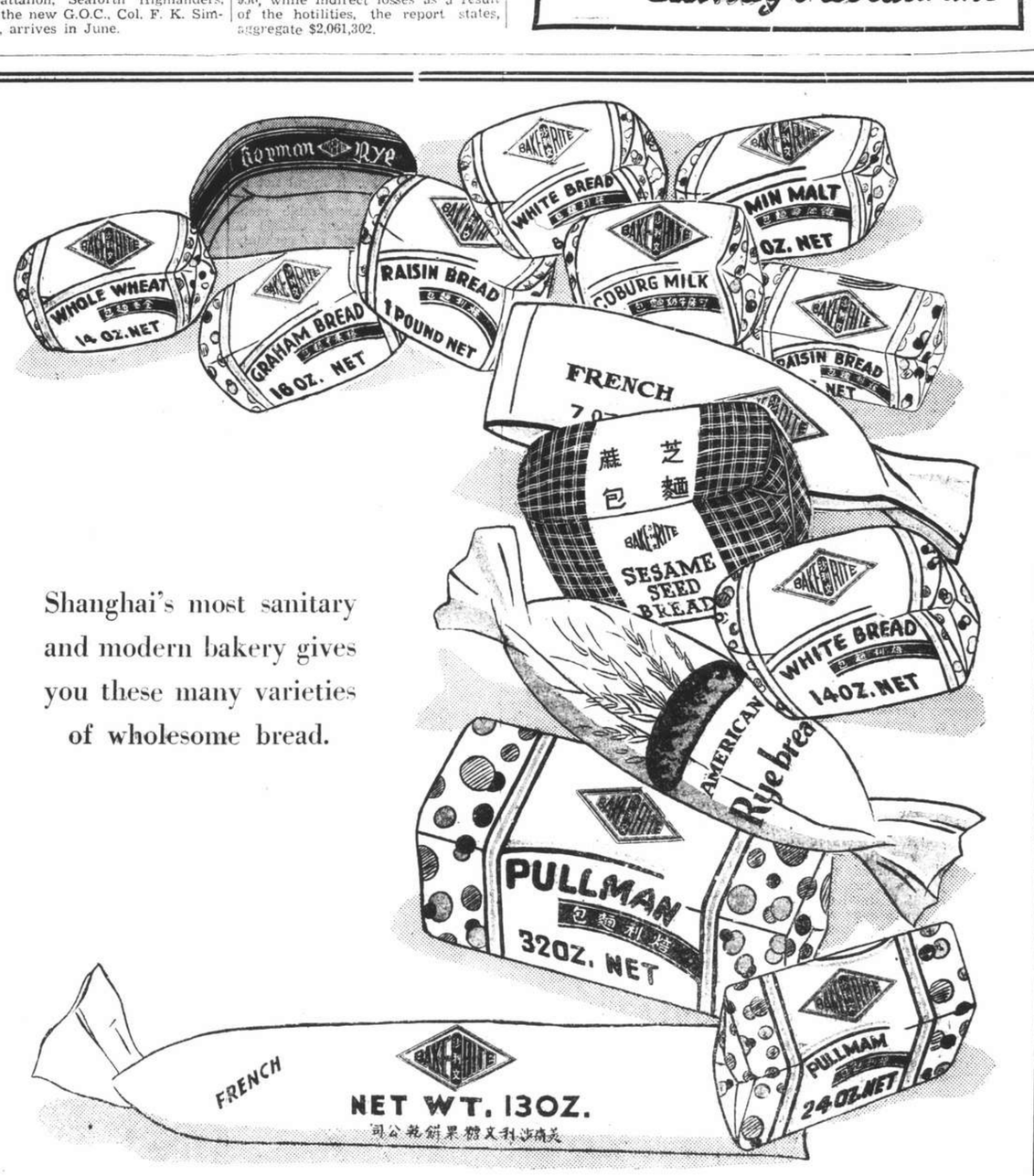

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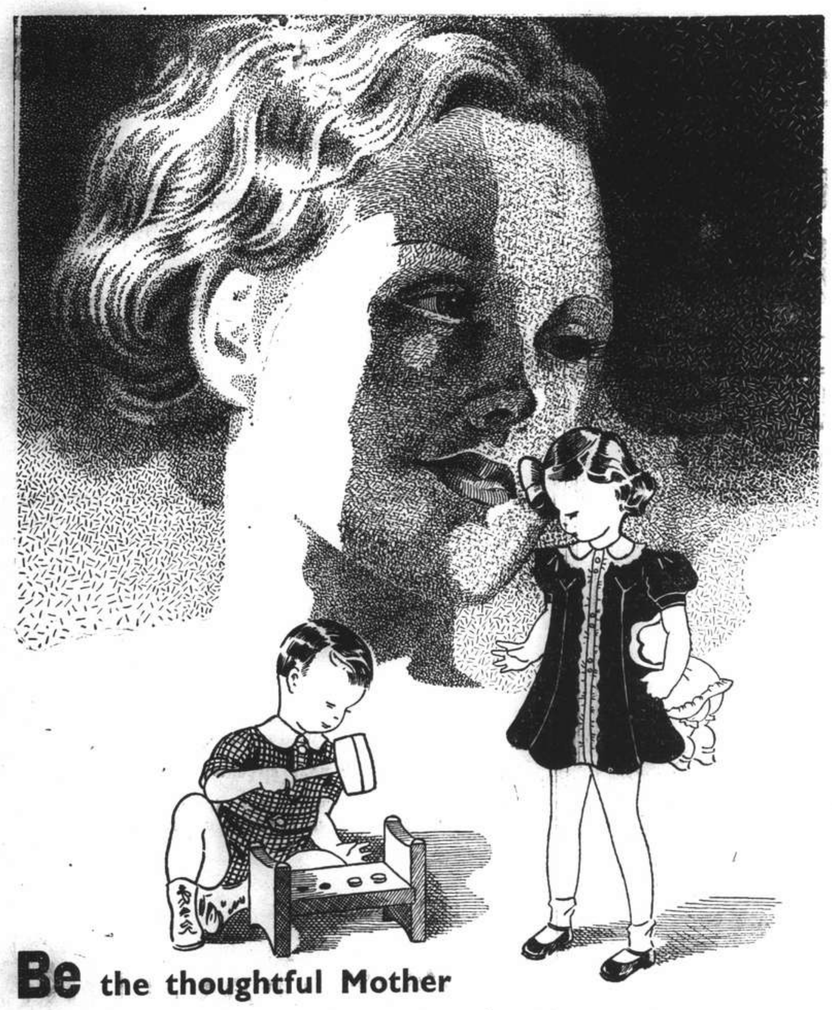

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Future of Shanghai Lies in International Cooperation

General Chamber of Commerce Chairman Pays Tribute to Shanghai Businessmen

A REMARKABLE tribute to the courage and tenacity shown by the foreign and Chinese business community of Shanghai in meeting the inumerable difficulties and problems which had beset them during the past year, was paid by Mr. G. Boolsen, Chairman of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce, when speaking at the annual meeting of that body held yesterday. After dealing with many aspects of the present situation in China and the handicaps under which business was conducted today, Mr. Boolsen expressed the view that an early revival of trade would seem to depend on full and genuine international co-operation. Until this came about the future of commerce and trade in Shanghai and China would continue to be subject to shocks and nervousness.

In his speech, the Chairman said:

The year 1938 was remarkable in many ways, but probably most of all for the tenacity and courage shown by the foreign and Chinese business community of Shanghai and other Treaty Ports in meeting the innumerable difficulties and problems which beset them. During the year the ports of Tsingtao, Chefoo, Weihaiwei, Amoy and Canton were occupied by the Japanese forces, who also advanced up the Yangtsze beyond Hankow to Yochow. Many other ports were closed from time to time for various reasons, including Wenchow and Ningpo. Hainan Island was occupied in February last. The Yangtze River above Kiangyin and the Pearl River remained closed to merchant shipping of third-party Powers with the exception that, from the beginning of March, 1939, one British steamer per fortnight is permitted to make the trip from Hong Kong to Canton but without cargo. After what appears to have been a deadlock, the Japanese forces at the beginning of March resumed their advance in Hupeh and were threatening the approaches to Shensi. Fighting is taking place also in Northern Kiangsu, with the result that the port of Funing has now been closed to commercial traffic.

A severe falling off in revenue collected by the Maritime Customs during 1938 is revealed in the statistics released by the Inspector-General of Customs, the drop, estimated in Chinese dollars, reached approximately $100,000,000. It is interesting, however, to note that in spite of existing troubled conditions the Customs figures for imports and exports in January, 1939, shewed increases over those for the same month in 1938 of approximately 40 per cent. and 55 per cent. respectively. It is not possible, however, at this juncture to make any analysis of the statistics and whilst they appear to indicate an improvement in trade, I fear that in the case of both imports and exports the improvement is confined to a limited number of items and cannot be taken as general. In spite of the fact that actual hostilities are now taking place only in provinces far remote from the majority of the Treaty Ports, restrictions have continued in force which have resulted in the stagnation of practicaly all trade as far as third-party Powers are concerned, and if we are to regard seriously recent declarations made by the leaders in the two countries concerned there is no immediate prospect of normal trading being resumed. Large quantities of Japanese merchandise, war supplies and comforts for the troops, are being imported into North, Central and South China and this has given rise to many complaints from a number of third-party Powers. This being an international Chamber of Commerce, must take a broader view of most things than the purely national Chambers. Nevertheless, it must be said that many of the restrictions imposed on trade and other spheres of commercial and financial activity are regarded as unnecessary and retarding immeasurably rehabilitation works and the resumption of normal conditions which will render it possible for the people of this country to carry out their normal avocations and so set the wheels of agriculture and commerce in motion once more. One of the most serious aspects of the situation is the extent to which the spending power of the people has been reduced, and until they are freed from existing restrictions there can be little hope of an improvement in their financial resources.

New Currency

According to the measure of their control over the various districts which have been occupied by their troops, the Japanese have monopolished China's produce, firstly to provide the needs of her army in the field, secondly to supply essential raw materials for Japanese industry both in China and at home, and thirdly so that the foreign currency value of the remainder, which is available for export to Europe and America, should wherever possible pass into the hands of Japanese-controlled banks.

Combined with this, Japan has introduced to North China the Federal Reserve Bank whose note issue nominally leans on the Yen but which, in fact, has to rely for support upon the wealth of China's exports. Actually, nothing tends more to reduce exports from North China to a minimum than the forced introduction of the F.R.B. note, which, being a new currency, is instinctively disliked by the Chinese and which a large number of them consider it unpatriotic to handle.

Although Japan is professing to retain a regard for third-party interests in China's trade she is actually ignoring those interests in the furtherance of her own. For an illustration of this, one need hardly look further than the recent announcement from Tientsin that no export of any sort will be allowed unless proof is given to the Customs Administration that the foreign currency value of the export has been sold to the Federal Reserve Bank. These same conditions were introduced in Tsingtao several months ago.

There would be a considerable amount of merchandise available for export from the Japanese occupied areas if foreign and Chinese merchants were allowed to transport the goods to coastal ports without interference. As it is, with military in control of the rail and water ways, nothing can move without their permit, and no permit is given except under conditions so unattractive both to the Chinese merchant and the foreign exporter that the amount of merchandise reaching a port like Shanghai (even of those raw products which Japan does not herself require) can best be described as a trickle from an otherwise stagnant pool.

If this is true of Shanghai and districts south of the Yangtze where there is no currency control, it requires no stretch of imagination to understand the position in Tsingtao and other Northern ports, where trade is subjugated to the Federal Reserve Bank.

In those parts of China which are still under the control of the Nationalist Government, the Government not only require the foreign curency value of all exports at official rates of exchange, but have set up Government trading bureaux to sell China's produce direct to foreign countries in exchange for war materials.

Railway Situation

So long as Hankow and Canton remained in the hands of the Chinese it was possible, despite restrictions and regulations, for private traders to handle considerable quantities of exports down the railway. Recently, however, the situation has changed somewhat and, with Chekiang almost the sole accessible portion of China to commerce, a monopoly of all buying has been granted to Government organizations, and it is reported that all goods purchased by these organizations are to be exempted from export duty. Furthermore, goods from unoccupied areas may not now be shipped to occupied areas (including Shanghai) with the result that Shanghai is to all intents and purposes now completely severed from all normal sources of supplies for export.

Hankow has become completely isolated; unless the Yangtsze is completely reopened to free trade, giving access to the vast interior provinces which are so largely agricultural, Shanghai's trade must continue to be negligible.

Small supplies are reaching Hongkong from Kumming via Haiphong, but as the transport by road to the rail-head at Kunming is virtually controlled by the Chinese Government this trade, such as it is, is rapidly becoming a monopoly of the Government trading concerns, and it seems only a matter of time before it can no longer interest private traders.

The Anglo-Japanese Customs accord of last May undoubtedly assisted greatly in making it possible for the Chinese Maritime Customs Administration to overcome the many difficulties which were encountered. In spite of the fact that no foreign loan quotas have been received by the Chinese National Government from ports under Japanese control, payments due on Customs loans were maintained throughout the year 1938. In January, 1939, however, the Chinese Government issued a declaration that since 80 per cent. of the Customs revenue was out of their hands they could no longer undertake to meet all loan requirements.

The railway situation continued to deteriorate from the point of view of foreign bondholders who were prohibited the right of inspection and control of their own property; the majority of the railways are in use by the Japanese and commercial traffic has been resumed over them to a very large extent. Certain of the railways with the help of Japanese equipment are doing satisfactory business with all trains overcrowded with passengers. These railways have been built by third-party Powers, and financed by foreign loans which are still outstanding, and are now being operated by Japanese without any payments whatsoever to the share and bond holders.

Chinese Dollar

The financial situation gave much cause for anxiety during the year, particularly as to the future of Chinese National currency and the introduction of Federal Reserve Bank notes. The Chinese Government sold freely at the official rate of ½, ¼d. until March, 1938, since when although the Central Bank has continued to make special allotments at the Government rate to merchants against goods imported prior to 1st January, 1938, the weekly amounts so allotted have steadily dwindled to an almost negligible quantity. Therefore, merchants and others have had to depend on the open market which, although subject to slight fluctuation dependent on politics and local rumours has kept remarkably steady between 8d. to 8½d. The panic flights from the currency which occurred periodically during the first three quarters of 1938 ceased towards the end of the year and in fact a fair amount of repatriation of funds took place in the closing months. On March 10, 1939, the currency in North China was divorced entirely from that of the rest of the country. Regulations issued by the "Provisional Government" in Peiping fixed the value of the F.R.B. dollar at ½d. and it was stated that exports from North China will not be permitted unless covered by a certificate of the Federal Reserve Bank testifying that foreign exchange of the goods about to be shipped out was acquired at the official rate of ½d at a bank designated by the Government. Both imports and exports from and to Central and South China are to be handled in the same manner as those coming from or destined to abroad. All foreign exchange acquired by exchange banks designated as such by the "Provisional Government" will be concentrated in the Federal Reserve Bank under the terms of the new regulations.

Reports are being received constantly regarding shipping difficulties at Tientsin, Chefoo and Tsingtao, particularly with regard to the discriminatory regulations in favour of Japanese vessels and Japanese trade.

Dealing with Shanghai in particular, I feel that attention must again be drawn to the difficulties which are still being encountered in the Yangtszepoo area as the result of the restrictions which have continued in force, thus adding to already existing difficulties others connected with labour and transportation. Furthermore, there can be no return of confidence in this area until it is thrown open for the free and unrestricted movement of persons and merchandise. The restrictions imposed in this and other areas and the continued closing of others has resulted in serious congestion in the International Settlement and French Concession including extra-Settlement areas. Factories are springing up in the Western district of a construction and under conditions which can only be regarded as constituting a serious danger from several points of view, viz: fire hazard, health, etc. Industrialists will not return to the outlying areas where they had their plants formerly until such time as something nearer normal conditions exist.

Conservancy Question

During the year 1938 there was a notable return of overseas shipping to Shanghai, but in consequence of hostilities the calls of ocean-going vessels of all nationalities at other Chinese ports have greatly diminished.

Chinese coastal and river trade having been rendered impossible for the Chinese flag many, particularly very old Chinese steamers and other vessels, are trading under the flags of other nationalities.

The lack of conservancy of the Whangpoo River and the approaches to Shanghai in the Yangtze Estuary is giving rise to grave anxiety and it would seem essential that this work is resumed without undue delay.

The recent campaign of terrorism which shocked the community will be deeply deplored by all law-abiding citizens and the Shanghai Municipal Council and French Municipal Coucil and the various departments concerned are to be congratulated on the measures taken by them to deal with this matter. I think we should also recognize the great work which has been done in preventing epidemics from reaching serious dimensions.

Several matters are still outstanding, such as cargo at China Merchants S.N. Co's Yangtszepoo wharves still undelivered to consignees. This matter is at present the subject of correspondence between your Committte and the Senior Consul. The responsibility for payment of deviation charges under C.I.F. contracts is now being aired in the Chinese Courts and the decision when handed down will have far-reaching effects. In a previous decision of the Branch of the Supreme Court for the Special Area of Shanghai (Char. "Woo Shang," No. 86, 27th Year, case Hai Chow Trading Corporation vs. Lee Sin-chue) the Court ruled that deviation costs are all costs incurred prior to the arrival of goods in Shanghai and the dealer is, therefore, exempt from liability therefor in accordance with the contract. The interpretation of the Chinese Supreme Court in the case above mentioned differs from the interpretation placed on the C.I.F. clause in most other countries in the world and it is of great interest to all merchants that this important matter should be dealt with in such a manner as to provide merchants with definite guidance, taking into account international practice.

Recuperative Powers

On the whole the year 1938 was, in many ways, a more satisfactory year for Shanghai than was expected at the time of our last Annual General Meeting. This can be attributed to a very great extent to the great recuperative powers of the Chinese; the manner in which they have continued trading in certain areas and re-commenced it in others immediately hostilities have gone further afield is truly remarkable. It seems no exaggeration to say that no matter what the prevailing circumstances may be the Chinese will find some means of carrying on trade. As to the future, I feel that guarded optimism is perfectly in order, but it might not be out of place here to say that the establishment of undesirable monopolies and undiscerning control of exchange and exports are certainly not conducive to the return of prosperity.

An early revival of trade would seem to depend on full and genuine international co-operation and until this comes about, the future of commerce in Shanghai and China generally will continue to be subject to shocks and nervousness, a state of affairs which hinders progress and welfare.

Since the annual report was sent out, the Chamber has appointed a Technical Sub-Committee to submit recommendations for a revision and re-arrangement of Shanghai Harbour Regulations. When it is realised that shipmasters arriving in Shanghai are given a copy of Harbour Regulations for their guidance, the contents of which have been out of date for years and superseded by innumerable notifications, it will be clear to all that in the interests of safety alone it is imperative that the Shanghai Harbour Regulations be put into such a form as to prove of value to navigators and others interested; this apart from the fact that the commercial needs of the port call for a number of changes in the existing regulations.

Routine matters which have called for attention of the Committee during the year have been detailed fully in the Annual Report and the monthly circulars have kept Members informed of all matters of interest which have come before the Chamber.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Chamber for the work done during the year by the Shipping Sub-Committee which has greatly facilitated the work of the General Committee.

Turning to the accounts there is nothing calling for special comment. We have again to thank Mr. E. Lester Arnold for auditing them, and I am glad to state the Chamber's finances continue in a satisfactory condition.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. G. Boolsen, Vice-Chairman, Mr. F. A. Pollock.

Committee:—Messrs. P. H. Bordwell, R. Bringert, A. Brondal, J. D. Carriere, J. Cochet, A. V. T. Dean, K. M. Fetterly, C. S. Franklin, Y. Hanawa, A. S. Henchman, U. M. Tavella, A. Thoresen, L. Vander Stegen, J. R. Weeks.

THE programme for the twenty-third Sunday Symphony Concert in the Lyceum Theatre, on Sunday, March 26, at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—

PART I—MOZART

(a) Overture
(b) Rec. and Air: "E Susanna non vien"
from "Marriage of Figaro"
Vocalist: Barbara Gilmar
Symphony with Fuga in C major No. 41 "Jupiter"
(a) Allegro vivace
(b) Andante cantabile
(c) Menuetto
(d) Molto Allegro
Moonlight-Scene from "Werther" ..... Massenet
Two Fragments from Opera "Turandot" ..... Puccini
(a) Liu's Scene in the I Act "Oh, Lord, do hear me"
(b) Liu's Death-Scene in Act III "Although by ice walls protected"
Prelude "Meistersinger" ..... Wagner

Smaller Yearly Rubber Output

Shanghai Seramban Estate Profit Decrease; Upkeep Costs Higher

A decrease in the profit for the year owing to a smaller output of rubber was reported at the annual meeting of the Shanghai Seramban Rubber Estate Ltd., held in the offices of the secretaries and general managers, Messrs. J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd., yesterday. Mr. A. J. Welch (Chairman) presided, supported by Messrs. M. Speelman and L. Kadoorie (directors), and Mr. W. A. Welch, representing the secretaries and general managers. Total shares represented were 78,900.

The Chairman said:—The result of the year's working has been a profit of Ch.$19,449.27 as compared with a profit for the previous year of Ch.$81,639.85. This decrease is mainly due to the facts that the output of rubber was 74,730 lb. smaller and the price realized for our rubber was 2.10 pence per pound lower. The estate expenditure on revenue account on the other hand was .83 of a penny per pound higher.

The cost of the upkeep of the producing area was St.$603 higher despite the lower rate of wages ruling but General Charges were St.$213 less. The Shanghai Office expenses were practically unchanged.

The financial position of the Company is very satisfactory and at December 31, 1938 the net surplus assets, taking the value of the debentures at the then market price, amounted to Ch.$139,283, whilst the dividend recommended by the Board will only absorb Ch.$26,000.

Turning to estate matters, there is as usual very little to say. The estate continues to be managed by Mr. Simpson in his usual efficient manner, but from May till December he was away on home leave, during which period Mr. C. H. Hilton acted for him to the entire satisfaction of the Board and the Straits Agents.

Planted Areas

No change took place in the planted area during the year. There are occasional cases of root disease, but considering the age of the estate it is remarkably free from this disease which occurs on all old plantations; otherwise the estate is in a satisfactory condition. The labour position was easy throughout the year and the average rate of pay was reduced from 46.87 cents per day to 44.77 cents. The health of the labour force was good, as is usually the case on this estate. A satisfactory quality of sheet is manufacture and no complaints were received from the dealers. The equipment has worked efficiently and has been given all the upkeep required. As regards the manuring programme, this has been continued, but it is too early yet to record any definite results.

The auditors' fees, you will have noticed, show a difference this year which is attributable to the fact that the fee paid to the auditors in the Straits, who are distinct from the auditors in Shanghai, varies from year to year according to the rise or fall in the rate of exchange but, in addition, the fee for the Shanghai part of the audit has been calculated on a new basis, which has already been adopted by many Companies, in order to compensate them to some small extent for the serious drop in the rate of exchange. You will be asked to vote upon this later on.

Staff Thanked

Your Directors have also arranged to enter into a new agreement with the Secretaries which will entitle them to receive their fee in Straits dollars instead of in Chinese dollars. The amount of the fee has been fixed at St.$1,200 per annum, which is slightly in excess of the existing fee converted into Straits dollars at the current rate of exchange. The basis for the calculation of their Commission has also been altered from 2 per cent. on the dividends to 2 per cent. on the net profits for any one year.

Our thanks are due to the Manager, the Acting Manager, the Visiting Agent and the Agents in the Straits for the very efficient manner in which they have administered the affairs of the estate.

The resolutions were as follows:

That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, as presented, be adopted and passed. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch, and seconded by Mr. M. Speelman.

That a dividend of eight Chinese Dollar cents per share be paid. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch, and seconded by Mr. L. Kadoorie.

That the appointment of Mr. L. Kadoorie as a Director of the Company be confirmed. Proposed by Mr. Dong Mai-kwun, and seconded by Mr. Sze Hou-sung.

That Mr. M. Speelman be re-elected a Director of the Company. Proposed by Mr. Sze Hou-sung, and seconded by Mr. Dong Mai-kwun.

That Messrs. Thomson & Co. be re-elected Auditors to the Company and that their fee for auditing the accounts for the year 1938 be Ch.$280.48. Proposed by Mr. Dong Mai-kwun and seconded by Mr. Sze Hou-sung.

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Shanghai's Health Shows Big Improvement Last Month

Substantial Decline in Smallpox in Settlement and Concession; Newcomers Principal Victims

THE health of the International Settlement and the French Concession during February showed a distinct improvement over the situation in the preceding month. According to the monthly report of the S.M.C. Commissioner of Public Health issued yesterday, both smallpox and diphtheria remained present in epidemic form, but all important notifiable diseases, with the exception of tuberculosis, registered a decrease, and in the case of smallpox a substantial one. The figure of 3,557 Chinese deaths recorded (including exposed corpses) is actually 1,324 less than in January.

Whilst the decrease in smallpox and diphtheria is no doubt in part responsible for this improvement, it is probable that the exceptionally mild winter Shanghai has experienced has helped, in that pneumonia and bronchitis, two of the major causes of death at this time of the year, are correspondingly less in evidence. It is satisfactory to record again that typhus fever appeared only in the form of three sporadic cases.

Refugee Problem Less Acute

With the opening of a large refugee camp on Tunsin Road it was possible to close 15 of the smaller ones, and the fact that 42 per cent. of the refugees moved refused to take up new accommodation, mainly for reasons connected with their employment, suggests that the refugee problem in Shanghai is very much less acute than it was.

The smallpox situation seems to indicate that as suggested in previous reports the epidemic was mainly amongst newcomers. This view is strengthened by the small number of infants coming forward for vaccination as one may assume they have already been vaccinated and by the fact that the disease is diminishing in spite of the fact that spring is normally the season of greatest incidence. The total quantity of vaccine sold and issued free during the season starting October last is 335,690 doses and free vaccinations either by the department or by other organizations supplied by it are 532,201 doses during the same period, a satisfactory figure considering resources available and storage difficulties.

Vital Statistics

Foreign Births.—93 foreign births were recorded, including 83 residents of the International Settlement (44 males and 39 females) and the rate was 25.06 per mille. Of the 83 resident births, 71 were Japanese. Chinese Births.—977 Chinese births were recorded, of these, 832 were residents (383 males and 449 females).

Foreign Deaths.—There were 49 deaths among the foreign community, of which 28 were non-Chinese Asiatics (26 Japanese, 1 Filipino and 1 Indian). Death rate was 4.79 per mille. The major causes of death were tuberculosis, pneumonia, cancer, diseases of digestive system and suicide. Chinese Deaths.—There were 3,557 deaths recorded as against 4,881 in January. Of this number 342 were due to communicable diseases and 2,619 were exposed corpses. The major known causes of death were tuberculosis, pneumonia, smallpox and bronchitis.

There was a general slight decrease in the notifications of communicable diseases when compared with January, with the exception of tuberculosis where 235 cases were notified as against 153 in January. Smallpox, although still in epidemic form continued to decrease, 16 foreign and 115 Chinese cases being notified as against 27 and 487 respectively in January. One foreigner and 65 Chinese succumbed to the disease. Of a total of 131 cases notified, 77 gave a history of vaccination (59 of these had never been vaccinated since infancy).

French Concession

Similar improvement in health conditions is reported by the French Concession Commissioner of Public Health in his report from February. He states: There was a marked improvement during the month of February in the public health of the Concession, as compared to January. Diseases in general declined by 14 per cent. and the death rate by 19 per cent. As to communicable diseases for which notification is compulsory, the decrease was more accentuated: 52 per cent.

In the first place, the improvement since the beginning of February, is due notably to the decline of the smallpox epidemic; since then it remained stationary. In all, 70 cases were recorded as compared to 247 cases in January. The seriousness of the disease however, increased notably. The death rate amongst the Chinese reached 57.14 per cent. against 31.98 for the previous month: 70 cases, of which 40 were fatal. Amongst foreigners, the mortality declined to 25 per cent. against 36.36 per cent. for the previous month: 4 cases with one death. In February, patients isolated at the hospitals gave a total of 4888 days of treatment.

The decline of typhoid fever is worthy of notice, the number decreasing by 75 per cent. amongst the Chinese, the death rate fell from 69 to 40 per cent. Amongst foreigners, it shows the same improvement. Diphtheria which remained stationary amongst foreigners decreased by half amongst the Chinese.

Vaccination

The Chinese New Year holidays hampered in some way the vaccination work, specially the anti-typhoid inoculation. 85,637 smallpox vaccinations were performed during the month of February and 1297 persons were inoculated against typhoid fever.

The quality of the water from the French Waterworks was satisfactory. No adulteration was discovered during the month from samples of milk. Important quantities of unsound food were confiscated, notably 292 pigs.

1815 corpses were cremated during the month of February, including 114 corpses from the French Military Zone of Hungjao.

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Belgium Recognizes Burgos Regime

Brussels Mar. 21.

De jure recognition was granted the Burgos Nationalist regime of Spain as a result of a decision reached at yesterday's meeting of the Belgian Cabinet.—Havas.

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DOUBLY INSURED

Annual meetings being held by life insurance companies, and published statements of the year's work, recall one feature of this business that should not be forgotten. Insurance is steadily becoming more popular in Canada, as the growing record of policyholders proves. The advance in numbers has been consistent. Wise business administration is evidenced by the fact that, even during the depths of the depression, insurance companies in Canada remained on absolutely sound footing.

But this success of insurance companies from their own point of view, stabilizing as it has been to business generally, is not all that was achieved. Policyholders, whose resources became less as one bad year succeeded another, found at the head and branch offices sympathetic consideration. There was generous advance of money to tide over bad periods or stave off the evil day when there would be no more revenue coming in. Generally, individuals wise enough to be well insured were able, with a little time, to find a way out of their difficulties; but without this financial help the prospect would have been black in many cases.

Insurance companies may well be proud of their record during the last decade. Not only did they keep their own flags flying mast-high, but they assisted innumerable Canadians to weather the storm. That has been a distinct public service. The service will not be forgotten by those who were helped by it, but it should be more definitely impressed on the public mind.

From an editorial in **"The Globe and Mail," Toronto, January 23, 1939.**

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 1/4 ..... $ 29.09
U.S. $100 @ 16 1/16 ..... $622.57

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 5/16 ..... $28.872
U.S. $100 @ 16 1/4 ..... $615.38
London—demand 8 5/8
4 months' sight credits 8 11/32
4 months' sight docts 8 13/32
6 months' sight credits 8 3/8
6 months' sight docts 8 7/16
New York—demand .....U.S. $16 1/4
4 months' sight credits 16 5/8
4 months' sight docts 16 7/16
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. 626

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ..... 8 1/4 U.S. $16 1/8
Hongkong/London 1/2 3/32

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 16 ..... $625.00
Hongkong $55 ..... $100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders .....Buying 30 5/8
Java Guilders ..... " 30 5/8
Netherlands Guilders .....Selling 30 1/8
Java Guilders ..... " 30 1/8

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying U.S.$100=$617.76 £1=$28.872
Selling U.S.$100=$625.00 £1=$29.091

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.95 1/4=$1 Belgas 27.70=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 3.00=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.71 1/2=$1
Tourist Lire 3.32 .....=$1

Other Quotations

Berlin/Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 39 3/4
$100=Reg. Mk. 75.00
incl. License fee

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

£ Highest 8 1/32 Lowest 8 1/32
U.S. G.$ 16 1/8 16 1/2
Yen — —

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING		BUYING
Cash		Mar.-Apr.	
£ T.T.	8 1/4	4 m/s. l.c.	8 5/16
G.$ T.T.	16 1/16	4 m/s. l.c.	16 1/4
Fcs. T.T.	607	4 m/s.	619
Rs. T.T.	45 7/8	15 d/s.	46 1/4

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20 1/16	19 7/8
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	42 3/4	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	53.01	—
Bombay offtake 25 bars.		

London silver was 1/8 up both ready and forward, being 20 1/16 for ready and 19 7/8 forward. New York was unchanged at 42 3/4 and Bombay was 5 annas up at 53.01.

It was reported there was a little Indian buying. Market quietly steady. After the official fixing the market ruled quietly steady.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 1/4 sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was steady. Opening with sellers at 8 1/4 sterling and 16 1/8 U.S.$. Keenness on the part of Chinese Banks to sell tended to pull rates up, and from time to time there were sellers for near at 8 1/4 sterling and 16 1/8 U.S.$ with some buyers. Ultimately, with the news that the China Currency Bill had passed Parliament there was more selling and the market closed with sellers at:—

8 17/32	sterling	16 1/8 U.S.$	Mar.
8 1/4	"	16 1/16 "	Apr.
8 1/2	"	16 "	May

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Mar. 20.

Japan	78 5/8	London	1/5 13/16
New York	285	2 mths	
Shanghai	48 1/4	" (sellers)	1/5 23/32
Hongkong	85 3/4	" (Buyers)	1/5 15/16

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	468.18	Berne	20.31 1/2
Paris	176.84	Shanghai	8 3/4d N
Berlin	11.67 1/2	Bombay	1/5 1/2
Amsterdam	8.82	Hongkong	1/2 1/16
Brussels	27.82	Singapore	2/3 1/16
Madrid	100.00	Yokohama	1/2
Milan	88.95	" (Buying)	Unq.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.13	Brazil	5.90
Spain	Unq.	Japan	27.32
Holland	54.09 1/2	Shanghai	16.20
Paris	2.64 1/8	Hungary	19.80
Brussels	16.82	Rumania	0.73
Italy	5.26 1/4	Yugo Slavia	2.30
S'zerland	22.50	Greece	0.86
Sweden	24.13	Bulgaria	1.25
Norway	23.53	Finland	2.07
Denmark	20.90 1/2	Poland	18.88
Montreal	99.375		

London	4.68 1/4
" Demand	4.68 1/8
" Bankers' 60 days bills	4.67 23/32
" Commercial 60 days bills	4.67 3/32
Buenos Aires Paper	29.04
Buenos Aires Paper, Market rate	23.05
Montreal on London	4.71 1/16

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Mar. 20.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	0 5/8%	
Bank Bills,	6 months	0 3/4%	
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2 3/4%	
" " "	6 months	3 1/4%	
Call Money		0 1/2%	

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/2%B 0 1/2%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 5/8%B 0 1/2%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

March 21	Closing a.m. Closing	Prices p.m. Closing
Antamok	.38	.38
Atok	.375	.37
Balatoc	—	8.50
Batong Buhay	.019	.02
Benguet Consolidated	12.70	12.60
Big Wedge	.325	.33
Coco Grove	.42	.415
Demonstration	.145	.14
I X L	.61	.62
Masbate	.145	.145
North Camarines	.61	.61
San Mauricio	1.88	1.94
Surigao Con., Com	.235	.235
Surigao Con. Vot. Trust	.22	.22
Suyoc	.18	.185
United Paracale	.69	.69

Turnover: 875,000 Pesos.—Reuter.

U.S. Steel Mill Activity

New York, Mar. 20.

Steel mill activity in the United States for the week commencing March 20 was placed at 55.4 per cent. of capacity, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute, in its weekly estimate published today.

This shows a decline 0.3 per cent. compared with the previous week, but shows an advance of 21.7 per cent. compared with the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Official Averages

1939 High	1939 Low		Today's	Changes
154.37	105.32	General	144.01	—0.33
152.40	95.53	Rubbers	143.68 1/2	—2.76

Total 16,490 shares, 364 bonds.

Morning Session

$10,00	S'hai Power 5 1/2% Debts	$ 90.75
$1,000	S. M. C. 5% 1934 Debs.	88.00
200	Caldbeck Macg. (Pref)	14.00
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.20
300	Wheelock	33.00
1,000	New Eng. (Ord)	6.55
100	Wheelock	33.25
400	Wheelock	33.50
500	Exploration	8.05
500	Exploration	8.10
2,800	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.30
200	C. G. Omnibus	24.00
100	Wheelock	34.00
200	Wheelock	33.75
1,000	China Realty	0.89
1,000	Chemor	1.40
800	Anglo Java	15.40
100	Tram (Bearer) £1	39.50
500	S'hai Loan	5.80
700	Caldbeck Macg. (Pref).	13.90

ODD LOTS

10	S'hai Cotton	$105.00
50	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.30

Afternoon Session

$15,400	S'hai Race Club 6% Debs.	$ 87.00
$10,000	S. M. C. 5% Debs. 1937	88.00
2,300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.20
200	C. G. Omnibus	24.00
10	S'hai Power (Pref)	$128.50
20	S'hai Power (Pref)	128.75
500	S'hai Loan	5.75
700	S. W. W. "C"	XD 26.25
1,000	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.30
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.40

ODD LOTS

200	New Eng. (Ord)	6.55
200	S'hai Land	9.00

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 20.

The European situation continued to hamper business on the Stock Exchange today and caused marking down of prices in all sections. During the afternoon a more confident tone developed and the final prices were generally above the worst, though showing considerable net losses.—Reuter.

	Mar. 17	20
War Loan 3 1/2% (Red.)	£97	96

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	40	38
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	47	45

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	18/9	18/8
Armstrong Stevens	7/9	7/9
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	41/10 1/2	40/-
Austin Motors, ord.	32/6	30/7 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	21/10 1/2	21/6
British American Tob.	98/1 1/2	93/1
Cable & W., new form	44 1/2	43
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/1 1/2	7/9
Courtaulds	27/1 1/2	25/9
Distillers	91/6	89/6
Dunlop Rubber	27/7 1/2	26/-
General Elec. (Eng.)	78/6	76/6
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	102/6	100/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	20/7 1/2	20/6
Imp. Chem. Indus.	30/6	29/10 1/2
Imp. Tobacco	131/10 1/2	127/6
Leyland Motors	87/6	85/-
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	59/3	57/3
Pressed Steel, com.	17/4 1/2	16/1 1/2
Rolls-Royce	110/-	108/1 1/2
Smethwick Drop Forgings	16/3	16/-
Tate & Lyle	58/9	59/-
Turner & Newall	77/9	75/10 1/2
United Steel	23/7 1/2	23/-
Vickers, ord.	21/1 1/2	20/6
Woolworths	61/9	59/4 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	25/3	23/6
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	28/6	26/3

MINES

Burma Corp.	8/3	7/9
Commonwealth Mln.	1/3	1/3
Marsman Invest.	16/3	15/-
Randfontein Ests.	34/7 1/2	34/4 1/2
Sub-Nigel	227/6	222/6
Tanami Gold Min.	4 1/2d	4 1/2d.
Western Holdings	9/-	9/3

OILS

Anglo Iranian	89/4 1/2	87/6
Burmah	80/-	78/9
Mexican Eagle	8/-	7/1 1/2
Shell Trans. & Trad.	82/6	80/7 1/2

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1898	£77	75
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	67 1/2	67 1/2
4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan	55	55
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	37 1/2	37 1/2
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	52	52
5% Stg. Notes, 1925	17 1/2	17
5% Honan Rly., 1905	23	23
5% Hukuang Rly., 1913	23	23
5% " " (Ger. Is)	21	18
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	16 1/2	16 1/2
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	26	24
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	16	16
5% " " G.	16	16
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	16	16
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	16	16
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	21	21
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19 1/2 N	19 1/2 N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30 1/2	30 1/2
Charted Bank of I. A. & C.	8 7/8	8 5/8
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	86	83
" (Col. Reg.)	84	81
Chinese Eng. & Min.	18/-	17/-
Chosen Corp.	6/-	6/-
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	18/9	17/6

N—Nominal. *—Ex dividend.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 20.

The commodity markets mostly ruled idle,, with no undue selling pressure in evidence. Jute was firm on Calcutta reports of further sandbag orders but business was meagre, while the base metals all improved in the afternoon, especially copper, where German buying was reported.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 7 15/16 +1/16; sellers 8 1/16 +1/8; Apr.-June del. buyers 8 +1/8; sellers 8 1/8 +1/4.

London Sugar (Buyers) May 6.4 +3/4; Aug. 6/3 3/4 +1/2; Dec. 6/2 +1/2.

Liverpool Wheat: Mar. 4/4 5/8 +1/4; May 4/6 1/8 +5/8; July (New Contract) 4/5 5/8 +3/4.

London Metals: Copper, Stan. Cash sellers £42 3/4 +1/4; 3 mths del. sellers £43 +1/4; Copper, Electrolytic buyers £46 +1/4; sellers £48 3/4 unc; Tin, Stan. Cash sellers £215 +1 1/4; 3 mths del. sellers £214 1/4; +1; Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £14 1/2 unc; 3 mths del. sellers £14 7/8 —1/8; Spelter. Ordinary, official price, sellers £13 1/2 +1/8; 3 mths del. sellers £13 3/8 unc.—Reuter.

U.S. Federal Reserve Returns

New York, Mar. 20.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in their report for the week ended March 15 respecting the entire body of reporting member banks of the System, revealed a decrease on total loans amounting to $57,000,000 compared with the previous week and a decrease of $808,000,000 compared with the corresponding period last year.

Investments, however, were higher by $91,000,000 over last week and by $1,286,000,000 over the same week in 1938.

During the period under review total loans were placed at $8,281,000,000 and investments at $13,541,000,000.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 20.

The stock market today remained under the influence of the international political situation, although sentiment showed a moderate improvement. Prices opened firm after the recent sharp declines but quiet irregularity developed later and the market sagged for the remainder of the session, closing with net losses ranging from minor fractions to about one dollar. The action of the market in the face of the continued European uncertainty was considered encouraging, with the selling less urgent than recently, but it was pointed out that the price trend would remain largely dependent upon reports from abroad. The turnover totalled 950,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Change
30 Indust.	143.14	140.57	141.28	—0.40
20 Rails	29.96	29.36	29.46	—0.12
15 Utilities	24.22	23.53	23.69	—0.23
40 Bonds	—	—	90.15	—0.07
11 Commod.	—	—	47.86	+0.29

	Mar. 18	20
Adams Express	9 1/8	8 3/4
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	20 3/8	20 1/2
Allied Stores	9 1/8	9
Allis Chalmers	41 1/8	40 1/2
Amerada Corp.	62 1/2	62
Amer. Can	90	88 3/8
Amer. & For. Power	2 7/8	2 7/8
Amer. & For. Power $7 pfd.	16 1/4	16
Amer. Gas & Elec.	36	35 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	22 1/2	22 1/8
Amer. Metal	33 1/2	33
Amer. Radiator	14 3/4	14 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	16 3/8	16 3/8
Amer. Smelting	42 7/8	42 5/8
Amer. Sugar Refining	20	20
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	157	154 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	84 1/2	84 3/4
Amer. Waterworks	11 3/4	11 5/8
Anaconda Copper	26 1/2	26 3/4
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	33	33 1/8
Auburn	37 5/8	—
Baltimore & Ohio	6	5 7/8
Barber Asphalt Corp.	16 3/4	16 3/8
Barnsdall Oil Co.	15 1/2	15 1/2
Bendix Aviation	24	23 3/4
Bethlehem Steel	65 3/8	66 3/4
Boeing Airplane Co.	26 3/8	25 5/8
Borg Warner	28 1/8	28 3/8
Briggs Mfg. Co.	23 7/8	24
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans	9 1/2	10 3/8
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans.	35 3/8	—
Can. Pacific Rly.	4 3/8	4 3/8
Case J.I.	94 1/2	94
Celanese Corp.	20 1/2	20
Chase Nat. Bank	B 31 3/4	B 30 3/4
Chesapeake & Ohio	35 1/4	34 3/4
Chrysler	74	74 3/8
Columbia Gas & Elec.	7 1/8	7
Columbia Gas & Elec.	B 86 1/4	B 86 1/2
Commercial Credit	50 1/2	50
Com. & Sou.	1 1/2	1 5/8
" " $6 cum pfd.	57	55 1/2
Consolidated Edison	31 1/8	31 1/8
Consolidated Oil	8 1/4	8
Continental Can	39	38 1/2
Continental Oil	28	27 1/2
Corn Products	63	63
Curtiss Wright (com.)	5 7/8	5
" " "A"	24 3/8	24 3/8
Deere & Co.	21	20 5/8
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/8	17 5/8
Douglas Aircraft	66 3/8	68
Du Pont de Nemours	146	147
Eagle Picher Lead.	9 7/8	10 1/2
Eaton Manufacturing Co.	23 1/8	23
Elec. Auto Lite	33 3/8	33 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	10	9 7/8
" " $5 pfd.	—	—
" " $6 pfd.	66	67
Engineers Public Service	10 1/8	9 7/8
Elec. Power & Lt.	34	34
Flintkote	25 3/4	24 7/8
Food Machinery Corp.	B 27 1/2	27 1/4
Gen. Amer. Trans.	52 3/4	53 1/2
Gen. Elec.	39	38 3/8
Gen. Motors	46 1/2	46 1/8
Gen. Rly. Signal	20 1/2	19 3/4
Glidden Co.	19 3/4	19 3/4
Goodrich (B.F.)	20 1/2	20 1/8
Goodrich $5 pfd.	70 1/4	70 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	31	31 1/8
Great Northern Ore	14 3/4	14 1/8
Great Northern Rly. 3	24 7/8	24 3/4
Great Western Sugar	25 3/4	25 3/8
Greyhound Corp.	18 3/8	18 7/8
Hecker Products	10 7/8	10 5/8
Homestake Mining.	64	62 7/8
Industrial Rayon.	23 3/8	24 1/4
Int. Harvester	60 1/2	59
Int. Nickel	48 3/8	47 1/4
Int. Tel. & Tel.	8 1/4	8
Johns Manville	87 3/4	88
Jones & Laughlin Steel	B 48	48
Kennecott	35 7/8	35 1/4
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	49	49 3/4
Lockheed Aircraft.	29	30 3/8
Loew's Inc.	16 7/8	16 1/4
Manhattan Shirt Co.	12 1/4	—
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	34 1/8	35
McKesson & Robbins	11	11 1/4
Monsanto Chemical	99	100
Montgomery Ward	48 3/8	49 5/8
Nat. City Bank	B 24	B 24 1/4
Nat. Dairy Products	14 3/8	14 1/4
Nat. Distillers	26 1/2	26 5/8
Nat. Gypsum	13 7/8	13 7/8
Nat. Lead	22 3/4	22 5/8
Nat. Power & Light	8 1/8	8
Nat. Steel Corp.	72 1/4	72 1/2
Nat. Supply Co.	10 1/2	10 1/2
New York Central	17 1/4	17 1/2
Niagara Hudson Power	8 3/8	8 3/4
North Amer. Aviation	16 1/2	16 7/8
North Amer. Co.	23 1/8	23 1/2
Northern Pacific	10 1/4	10 5/8
Pacific Gas & Elec.	32 1/2	31 7/8
Pacific Lighting	47	45 1/4
Packard Motors	3 3/4	3 3/4
Paramount Pictures Inc.	9 1/2	9 5/8
Pennsylvania R.R.	20	20
Phelps Dodge	37 3/8	37
Phillips Petroleum	39	37 7/8
Public Serv. of N.J.	35	34 7/8
Pullman, Inc.	32 1/2	33 1/4
Pure Oil	9 1/8	9 1/8
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7	7
Republic Steel Co.	18 3/8	18 7/8
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38 3/4	38 3/4
Richfield Oil Corp.	8 5/8	8 1/2
Safeway Stores	34 1/2	33 3/4
Schenley	15	14 7/8
Schenley 5 1/2% pfd.	72	71 1/2
Sears Roebuck.	72 1/2	72
Shell Union Oil	12 3/8	12 1/4
Socony Vacuum	12 3/8	12 7/8
Southern Pacific	15 3/4	15 7/8
Southern Rly.	25 5/8	25 1/4
Sperry Corp.	41 1/2	42 1/2
Stand. Brands	6 5/8	6 5/8
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3 1/4	3 1/8
Stand. Oil of California	28	29 1/4
Stand. Oil of N.J.	46 3/4	45 7/8
Stone & Webster	13 1/8	13
Swift International	27 1/4	27 1/8
Technicolor	17 1/2	17 1/2
Texas Corp.	42 1/2	42
Texas Gulf Sulphur	30	29 7/8
Transamerica	6 1/8	6 1/2
Tw. Century Fox Film,	21 1/2	21 1/8
Tw. Century Fox	31	—
Un. Carbide & Carbon	82	81 1/2
Un. Pacific	96 1/8	96 1/8
Un. Aircraft	37 1/8	38 1/8
Un. Air Lines Trans.	11 1/8	10 7/8
Un. Corp.	2 7/8	2 7/8
Un. Corp. $3 cum. pfd.	35 3/8	35 1/4
Un. Gas Corp.	2 1/2	2 1/2
Un. Gas Improvement	12	12 1/4
U. S. Rubber	43 7/8	44

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	52 1/2	52 1/2
Brazil	17 7/8	17 3/4
Baltimore & Ohio	20 1/2	21 3/8
Cities Serv. Power	78 1/2	78 3/4
Erie R.R. 5s	11	11
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	67	68 1/2
Minas Geraes	B 10 1/4	B 10
New England Gas	63 1/2	62 1/2
Peru 6s 1961	10 1/8	10
Rio Grande do Sul	B 10 1/8	B 9 3/4
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	51	51
Sao Paulo	B 10	B 10
Stand. Gas & Elec.	61 1/4	62 1/2

B—Bid.

Dow-Jones Summary

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Foreign news continued to dominate trading on the Stock Exchange today. Shrinkage of volume reflected caution on the part of operators, pending clarification of the international situation. The early unexpected rally can be explained solely on technical grounds, some traders holding the view that the market was oversold last week. The Amsterdam rally helped the opening list to ignore the sharp decline in London. Business news today was mixed: steel operations eased and lumber production slightly lagged, while car-loadings were better than seasonal.

Curb prices ruled irregular and weak conditions prevailed in the foreign exchange market.

Small Profit on Year's Working

Poor Result Reported by Kapayang Rubber Estate; No New Replanting

The fact that a small output was responsible for a large reduction in the company's profits during the year was reported at the annual general meeting of the Kapayang Rubber Estates Co., Ltd., held in the offices of the secretaries, Messrs. J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd., yesterday. Mr. A. J. Welch (Chairman) presided and was supported by Messrs. L. E. Canning and L. Kadoorie (directors), and Mr. A. W. A. Welch, representing the secretaries. Total shares represented were 4,145.

The Chairman said:

The working for the past year resulted in a small profit of St. $238 —as compared with St. $38,057.65 for the previous year. This poor result is largely attributable to the fact that the output was 49,195 lb. smaller than it was last year which resulted in the expenditure on revenue account being three farthings per pound higher. The effect of this increase in expenditure was further accentuated by the fact that the average price realised for our product was 2.34 pence per pound lower.

The increase in the rate of expenditure per pound is entirely accounted for by the decrease in the exportable allowance and would have been greater had it not been for a reduction in wages which fell from an average of 46.95 cents to 43.73 cents per day. These are all factors over which neither your Manager nor your Directors have any control whatsoever.

The Company is not in too robust a position financially but, if your capital asset is to be preserved, we must continue the programme of gradually replanting the whole area of the estate, since the trees are approaching the stage when they will no longer be economical producers. By this I do not wish for one moment to give you the impression that the estate is at present worthless, because this is far from being the case, but the position is that the stand of trees per acre is, from one cause or another, gradually becoming so sparse that in the not too distant future the output per acre will cease to be an economical yield and it is therefore desirable to forestall this event by replanting certain areas so that they will come into bearing before the time when some of the older areas cease to be of commercial value.

No Further Replanting

During the year under review a further 33 acres of old rubber were cut out and replanted with first class material and the 46 acres replanted last year were upkept at a total cost of Ch.$16,436.92. During the current year it is not proposed to replant any further area but the estimated cost of upkeeping the area already replanted is St.$3,155. As the Company has no reserve for replanting it will be necessary to provide for this expenditure out of profits, so that, in effect, whilst your dividends will be adversely affected during the next few years, the capital value of your property, on the other hand, is being steadily improved.

The Standard Production Allowance for 1939 has been provisionally assessed at 188,000 lb., which is an increase of 13,060 lb. as compared with that for 1938. The labour position was easy throughout the year and I am pleased to be able to report that health conditions were satisfactory.

The gardens are reported to be free from lallang and other noxious growths and are under a cover of low indigenous bush growths which help to retain the moisture in the soil and to improve its tilth.

Root disease was present, as is the case on all old properties, and 151 trees were removed from the gardens during the year from this cause.

Estate Condition

The machinery and buildings were given the necessary unkeep and are reported to be in a reasonably satisfactory condition. It is possible that the Government authorities may insist on the rebuilding of all old type coolie lines in the near future and for this reason as little money as possible is being spent for the time being on these old buildings.

Speaking generally the Estate continues to be upkept in good condition and the incidence of pests and diseases is no more than normal when the age of the plantation is taken into consideration.

It will later on be proposed that the Directors' fees be increased from Ch. $349.65 per annum to Ch. $400 for each Director. This small increase of Ch. $50 is suggested in order to bring the fee to a round figure and one more in keeping with the responsibilities incurred by the members of the Board. The auditors' remuneration also shows a small difference of about $100 owing to a new method of calculating their fee, which has been adopted by many local Companies, so as to compensate them to some small extent for the serious drop in the rate of exchange. You will also be asked to vote upon this later on.

A New Agreement

Your Directors have further arranged to enter into a new agreement with the Secretaries which will entitle them in future to receive their fee in Straits dollars instead of in Chinese dollars. The amount of the fee has been fixed at Straits $1,200 per annum, the equivalent of which at the present rate of exchange is slightly in excess of the present fee. The basis for calculating the Commission payable to the Secretaries has also been altered from 2 per cent. on the dividends to 2 per cent. on the net profits for any one year.

The Articles of Association of this Company lay down that a quorum for the holding of an annual general meeting shall be shareholders present or by proxy holding one quarter of the issued capital of the Company. This Company was floated many years ago at a time when the majority of the shares were held by a very small number of people. The shares are now becoming scattered to such an extent that it is being found progressively more difficult, year by year, to secure the requisite quorum and it is proposed to call an extraordinary general meeting in the near future to alter this particular clause in the articles. Due notice of such meeting will of course be given to you.

In conclusion I will take advantage of this opportunity to express our very best thanks to the Manager, to the Agents in Penang and to the Visiting Agent for the very able manner in which they have administered the affairs of the Estate during the year under review.

Resolutions

The resolutions were as follows:

That the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, as presented, be adopted and passed. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch, and seconded by Mr. L. Kadoorie.

That the appointment of Mr. L. Kadoorie as a director of the company be confirmed. Proposed by Mr. Chang Hai-foo, and seconded by Mr. Wang Sing-fan.

That Mr. H. Kadoorie be re-elected a director of the company. Proposed by Mr. C. F. Shackleton, and seconded by Mr. Chang Hai-foo.

That Messrs. Mortimer Reid & Slee be re-elected auditors to the company for the ensuing year and that their fee for auditing the accounts for the year under review be Chs. $337.69. Proposed by Mr. Wang Sing-fan, and seconded by Mr. Chang Hai-foo.

That the director's fee be increased from Ch.$349.65 to Ch.$400 per director per annum. Proposed by Mr. Chang Hai-foo, and seconded by Mr. Wang Sing-fan.

COAL

Prices as below:

	per ton
Hongay Anthracite	$50
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Slack Coal	$40

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U.S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 20.

After an irregular opening, the cotton market advanced on higher Liverpool cables together with "spot" houses and trade buying, closing 10 to 14 points above Saturday's final quotations.

The market for raw rubber futures opened higher on the firmness in London but later reacted in sympathy with Wall Street, finishing 1 point down to 2 points up as compared with the previous closing levels.

Wheat futures in Chicago reflected the strength of the foreign markets. At the final bell, quotations ranged from unchanged to 1/8 cent per bushel higher.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber	
May	8.25-26	+11	May	15.83-85 —01
July	8.05-06	+10	July	15.80-80 unc.
Oct.	7.76-76	+11	Sept.	15.82-83 +02
Dec.	7.71-72	+12	Dec.	15.81-83 +01
Jan.	7.71 N.	+13		
Mar.	7.75 N.	+14		

New York Sugar No. 4 New York Silk

May 1.17-17 1/2 —1/2 B/A
July 1.17-17 1/2 unc. B/A
Mar. (No. 1 Cont.) 2.17B-18 1/2A —03

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	68-68 1/8	unc.	May	47 3/4-47 7/8	+1/4
July	68 1/4-68 1/8	+1/8	July	49 1/2-49 5/8	+3/8
Sept.	69 1/8-69	+1/8	Sept.	50 1/2-50 1/2	+1/4

Winnipeg Wheat

May	61 3/4-61 3/4	+3/8
July	62 1/8-62 1/4	+1/4
Oct.	63 1/8-63 1/4	+1/4

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

War Stocks in Demand In New York

New York, Mar. 20.

Demand for the so-called war stocks—steels, aviations and coppers —and the weakness of American Telephone and Telegraph, which lost 3 1/4

Waterworks Fittings Co. Shows Profit After 1937 Loss

Satisfactory Year's Working Reported by Chairman, But Need for Conserving Resources Stressed

A NET profit of $78,000 against a loss of $34,900 for 1937 was reported by Mr. H. Martin Little presiding at the annual meeting of the Shanghai Waterworks Fittings Co., Ltd. held at the office of the company 484 Kiangse Road yesterday. Mr. Little declared, however, that although the profit available might appear to justify the payment of a dividend, the Directors considered in the best interests of the company a conservative policy should be pursued and resources should be conserved.

The chairman said: I think you will agree with me when I say that the result of the year's working is very satisfactory, showing as it does a profit of $71,555.80 as against a loss for the previous year of $42,065.06. After taking into account the various profit and loss account items the net profit for the year is disclosed at $78,102.02 as compared with a net loss of $34,999.08 for 1937. From the former figure there is to be deducted the debit balance on profit and loss account brought forward from 1937 amounting to $58,626.76, leaving a net credit balance on Profit and Loss Account of $19,475.26. This amount your directors recommend be carried forward to new account.

Although the profit available might appear to justify some distribution by way of dividend, your directors after taking all factors into consideration and having particular regard to the cash position, are of the opinion that it is in the best interests of your Company that a conservative policy should be pursued and that especially at the present time resources should be conserved.

Before reviewing the year's working there are a few matters arising out of the balance sheet figures which call for comment. Both sundry debtors and creditors show increases as compared with the relative figures in the previous year's balance sheet. The total of $71,806.19 owing to our trade creditors has, however, since been discharged while of the $116,642.10 owing to us $66,917.74 has since been collected and there is no reason to suppose that there will be any difficulty in collecting the balance. The liability to the staff on Staff Provident Fund Account has also increased with a corresponding increase in the investments held on this account. Apart from the normal increase due to the routine contributions to the Fund, the whole of the increase shown in local currency is due to the depreciation of the dollar in terms of sterling, the bulk of both the fund and the investments being now carried in sterling—a matter to which I referred when addressing you last year. Since however the investments are in sterling securities any increase in local currency in the fund liability due to currency depreciation is set off by a corresponding increase in the value of the sterling securities.

China Brass and Iron Works

You will notice a small decrease in investments, this is due to sales made during the year, the loss on realization of $2,259.41 being debited to investment reserve. Unfortunately approximately half the amount of the investments is represented by debentures of real estate companies which while fully secured and interest bearing have not as yet experienced the same recovery as have other debentures and preference shares. You will also notice under the heading of investments that the investment in your subsidiary company, the China Brass & Iron Works Ltd. has increased from $39,860.14 to $57,110.14. The acquisition of the remaining shares in that company during the year accounts for this increase. I think it is appropriate to state here that your directors have decided to liquidate the China Brass & Iron Works Ltd. and incorporate the business of that company with that of your own. As you will see from the note on the face of the balance sheet that company also has made quite a satisfactory profit.

Conditions affecting the business of your company improved during the year more rapidly than was expected and to this improvement must be largely attributed the result obtained. To what extent Shanghai may now be said to be living on itself and whether it can sustain this improvement are questions upon which I do not propose to venture an opinion. One thing however is certain and that is so long as this country is engaged in major warfare, there can be no hope of a return of settled business conditions to Shanghai. It behoves us therefore to pursue a cautious and conservative policy.

Directors' Fees Restored

Having said so much I must, however, draw your attention to the fact that the accounts now before you have felt the full benefit of the drastic policy of retrenchment that was put into force at the end of 1937 as explained to you at your last meeting. While your directors do not feel justified at this juncture in deviating in any way from the principle of this policy yet you will, I am sure, agree that in view of the better showing and of the increased cost of living in Shanghai, some adjustment in salaries is amply justified. In anticipation of your wishes all salary cuts have been restored with some addition in recognition of increased costs. Again your auditors agreed to accept a reduced fee of $1,200 in respect of 1938. It is similarly proposed that this be restored together with an increase by way of exchange adjustment which has been generally approved by other companies in Shanghai, thus making the total fee $2,000 in respect of 1939. A resolution giving effect to this proposal will be put to you later. And lastly your support is asked to another resolution that will be proposed fixing your directors' remuneration at the rate of $3,200 per annum. You will recollect that your directors in recognition of the position, agreed to accept half fees as from the last quarter of 1937 until such time as conditions improved. We ask you now to restore those fees as from 1st January 1939 with an additional amount of $400 making $3,200 in all. This very modest increase is recommended to you in view of the proposed liquidation of your subsidiary company already mentioned. I may add that the management of the two businesses under one Board will result in appreciable saving in certain overhead expenses.

Business Being Maintained

As regards the future, I cannot say more than that present indications are that business is being maintained. With little or no major development of real estate in progress we cannot, of course, expect to secure sanitary and heating installation contracts of the magnitude of those obtained in past years, however, in spite of very severe competition we are receiving a very fair proportion of the smaller work on offer. In addition we may expect especially at the present time when some reconstruction work is beginning, a satisfactory revenue from the workshop to be taken over from our subsidiary company. This workshop is equipped with up-to-date machinery and can take care of all kinds of machine work and gear cutting. With experienced men under foreign supervision we are in a position to manufacture mechanical stokers, boilers and tanks, iron and brass castings and steel structural work and undertake electric and gas welding jobs. A further great advantage is our ability thus to keep to an absolute minimum any subletting of contracts on the sanitary, heating and air conditioning branch of our business. This is as much in the interests of our customers as in our own.

Before concluding my remarks I am sure you will wish me to express both your own and the Board's appreciation of the loyalty and devotion to duty of Mr. Goodman, and his staff both foreign and Chinese which has carried them very creditably through a year of considerable difficulty.

The Resolution

That the Directors' report and accounts for the year 1938 as submitted to this meeting be and they are hereby received and adopted, and that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account on December 31, 1938 be disposed of as recommended by the Directors.—Proposed by Mr. H. Martin Little and seconded by Mr. W. Mellor.

That Mr. W. Mellor be and he is hereby re-elected a director of the Company.—Proposed by Mr. W. P. Rial and seconded by Mr. E. A. P. Wood.

That the remuneration of the Directors be $3,200 per annum as from January 1, 1939.—Proposed by Mr. E. A. P. Wood and seconded by Mr. W. P. Rial.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be and they are hereby re-appointed auditors of the Company until the next ordinary meeting and that their remuneration be $2,000.—Proposed by Mr. W. P. Rial and seconded by Mr. E. A. P. Wood.

Mr. William Douglas For Supreme Court

Former S.E.C. Chairman Succeeds Mr. Brandeis

Washington, Mar. 21.

President Roosevelt late yesterday nominated Mr. William O. Douglas, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to succeed Associate Justice Louis Brandeis on the Supreme Court bench. Justice Brandeis is retiring because of advanced age and recent ill health.

Mr. Douglas, a brilliant student of law and former professor of law at Columbia and Yale universities, investigated the need for regulatory legislation regarding American security and exchange markets and was appointed chairman of the S.E.C. in 1936. His work has been regarded as outstanding by administration circles here.

Mr. Douglas was born in Maine, Minn., an important factor in his nomination. The President was known to have been seeking a westerner to succeed Justice Brandeis because most of his appointments to Supreme Court vacancies have been from the eastern states.—United Press.

U.S. Army Manœuvres Planned for August

Washington, Mar. 21.

America will stage next August the biggest army manœuvres the eastern side of the continent has seen since the Great War unless Congress refuses to provide the necessary funds.

There will be two main concentration areas, one around Plattsburg, New York State, and the other in the south, in the neighbourhood of Manassas, Virginia.—Reuter.

Preparing for King's Visit to U.S.

Mr. A. F. Lascelles, King George's private secretary (left) with Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador to Washington, on their way to the State Department to confer with Mr. George T. Summerlin, Chief of the Protocol Division, regarding arrangements for His Majesty's visit to Washington.

No Curtseys for King and Queen While in United States

State Department Decrees Handshakes Will Be Adequate; "Just Act Natural" Decree

Washington, Mar. 21.

STRAIGHTFORWARD handshaking and no curtseys will be etiquette for Americans meeting the King and Queen when their Majesties visit the United States, the protocol division of the State Department here has decided. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt had put the matter to the State Department to guide her in the entertainment of the Royal couple as guests at the White House during their June visit. Handshakes will prevail, with other American customs and dress, at functions held for their Majesties, the ruling indicates.

"No curtseys," State Department officials have said in effect. "None is needed. Bows are out, too. No knee pants, silk stockings or court dress. Just act natural and democratic." The decision was made known in time to save many worried matrons of the capital city the anxiety of practising curtseys and bows as are required at the Royal Courts.

However, only a few hundred privileged persons, at the most, will be presented to the Royal couple here, it is expected. The public at large, however, will possibly catch a glimpse of them when they attend the New York World's Fair.

Actual details and formalities of the United States end of the Royal tour have not yet been quite completed, but final arrangements are expected to emerge early in May. It is promised that every movement will be scheduled and adhered to with precision. The British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay, who returned from London recently, is actively preparing for the visit.

At least one large reception and dinner is expected in Washington, where Cabinet officers and some Congressmen may have an opportunity of meeting their Majesties.

Address to Congress

If King George follows precedent, he may be invited to address a joint session of Congress here. Queen Elizabeth would then be able to hear him from the galleries. Already a rush has been evident here for special gallery passes for the days immediately following June 8, the day the King and Queen enter the United States.

America has no special "presidential train," so an ordinary special train will be borrowed from the railways to bring the King and Queen into Washington from the north. One of the stations along the route from New York is Baltimore, home town of the Duchess of Windsor.

President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt, it is thought, may go down to Washington's railway terminus, Union Station, to meet their Royal guests. From the moment they enter United States territory, they will be guarded by hand-picked agents.

Of their movements around the American capital, it is tentatively thought King George may lay a wreath at the tomb of George Washington at near by Mount Vernon, overlooking the Potomac River, and possibly visit Washington's ancestral home there—the home of the very man who led the movement to divorce the American colonies from England in the reign of George III.—Reuter.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Don Joao	Wenchow	C.A.C.S.
M. Francisca	Wenchow	Maria S.N.
Haiping	Rotterdam	Wallem
E'beth Moller	Campha P.	Moller
Burdwan	Japan	Mackenzie
Marburg	Hongkong	Melchers
Bom Filho	Shacheng	Yat Shing
Yunnan	Hongkong	B.&S.
Taisang	Tientsin	Jardine
Pierre, L. D.	Sydney	Louis Dreyfus
J'phine Moller	Tientsin	T.C.C.
H. Tseangtah	Foochow	T.C.C.
Lica Maersk	Japan	Melchers
Ave-Maria	Tungchow	Ta Lung
Shanghai M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
S. Jobris	Tientsin	Yuen Fong
Tategami M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Mûko M.	Japan	Y.K.K.
Java	Hongkong	E. Asiatic
Tungwo	Tungchow	Jardine
Lyder Sagen	Hongay	M.B.K.
Nantung M.	Nantung	N.K.K.
Dairen M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Haikong	Hsinkong	Koh Lee
Etsire	Keelung	Union S.S.
Liesel	Haimen	Ta Lung
Tejo	T'lungkong	I.C.R.N.
Heini	Haimen	G.F.E.
Kiangting	Tungchow	Foo Hwa
Tseangtah	Tungchow	Mow Tung
Lipari	Haimen	C.I.N.
Fooksing	Tungchow	Wha Ying

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Corfu	Br.	Mackenzie
Lipari	Ital.	C.I.N.
Kiangting	Ger.	Foo Hwa
M. Margarida	Port.	Maria S.N.
Wusueh	Br.	B.&S.
Hanwo	Br.	Jardine
Faro	Port.	P.N.&T.
Liwo	Br.	Jardine
Fatti	Ital.	Chang Yuen
Emp. of Asia	Fr.	C.P.R.
Don Pedro	Port.	C.A.S.S.
Somali	Br.	Mackenzie
Kenryu M.	Jap.	M.B.K.
Ajax	Br.	B.&S.
Chaksang	Br.	Jardine
Store Nordiske	Dan.	G.N. Tel
King James	Br.	H.G.&R.
Liangchow	Br.	B.&S.
Sungshan M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Suki M.	Jap.	M.B.K.
Taiyuan	Br.	B.&S.
Tingsang	Br.	Jardine
Com. Paolini	Ital.	I.C.R.N.

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ms. Baloeran	17,000	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 18
ms. Christiaan Huygens	15,700	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	May 2
ms. Sibajak	12,000	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	May 9
ms. Johan v. Oldenbarnevelt	19 000	May 3	May 5	May 23
ms. Dempo	17,000	May 10	May 12	May 30
ss. Johan de Witt	10,400	May 24	May 26	June 15
ms. Indrapoera	10,800	June 7	June 9	June 28
ms. Marnix v. St. Aldegonde	19,100	June 14	June 16	July 5
ms. Baloeran	17,000	June 21	June 23	July 12
ss. Jan Pieterszoon Coen	11,140	June 28	June 30	July 22
ms. Christiaan Huygens	15,700	July 5	July 7	July 26
ms. Sibajak	12,000	July 12	July 14	Aug. 2
ss. Slamat	11,600	July 19	July 21	Aug. 9
ms. Johan v. Oldenbarnevelt	19,000	July 26	July 28	Aug. 16
ms. Dempo	17,000	Aug. 2	Aug. 4	Aug. 23

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Date and Destination	Per		Reg.	Ord.
WEDNESDAY, March 22.				
Japan, Korea via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	Tyosa M.		*20.00	7.30
Tsingtao and Dairen	Dairen M.		8.00	3.30
Ningpo	Don Jose		13.30	14.00
Nantung	Nantung M.		14.30	15.00
Central Am. Canal Zone	Tai Ping	AZ	—	—
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Tsingtao	Taityu M.		19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, March 23.				
H'kong Canton Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon India Suez and Europe	Victoria	B	*20.00	7.29
Amoy	Kwangtung		9.30	10.00
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Yunnan		9.30	10.00
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Taisang		9.30	10.00
Kwangtung	Taisang		9.30	10.00
Ningpo	Santarem		13.30	14.00
FRIDAY, March 24.				
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.		*20.00	7.15
H'lulu U.S.A. (L) Canada (L) Europe(L) via Pacific	Nagasaki M.		*20.00	7.15
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Soochow		10.00	10.30
Kwangtung	Soochow		10.00	10.30
Ningpo	Hsin Peking		13.30	14.00
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Tangyang M.		13.30	14.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Taksang	x	18.30	20.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Taksang	x	19.30	20.00

* The night before.
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Next steamer mails will be closed as follow :—
ss. Victoria, via Suez, March 23, due London April 18.
ss. Canton, via Suez, March 28, due London April 29.
ss. Potsdam, via Suez, March 29, due London April 24.

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

Per Taiyuan, March 20, from **Hongkong:** Mr. N. R. Dick, Capt. G. Wright, from **Amoy:** Mr. T. K. Swire, Capt. A. Stern.

Per Yunnan, March 21, from **Foochow:** Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Munro, Mr. J. H. Lowder.

Per Taisang, March 21, from **Tientsin and Ports:** Baron & Baroness de Vos van Steenwijk, & Two children, Miss E. Wortman, Mr. S. Harris, Mr. R. Volkert, Mr. A. Pullen, Dr. & Mrs. Otto Burchard, Mrs. Burkhardt, Mrs. Bazarsky, Mr. & Mrs. Hobdy, Mrs. G. Rankin, Mr. Olshevsky, Mr. Rodovsky, Mrs. Fymland, Mr. Young, Mrs Schmulovich, Mr. Guenichault.

DEPARTURES

Per Emp. of Japan, Mar 20, for **Pacific Ports:** Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Webb, Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Rigden, Mr. W. C. A. Freeman, Mr. C. H. W. Robertson, Mr. F. P. Geere, Mr. H. Y. Moorefield, Mr. H. L. Finch, Mr. J. R. Milton, Mr. Gordon Sinclair, Mrs. F. R. Smith Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Hayes Miss Hayes, Mr. J. Bardac, Mr. C. E. Ross, Mr. E. Lane, Mrs. J. A. Collins Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Walkinshaw, Mr. J. P. de Berry, Mr. & Mrs. E. Jacobs. Miss B. Jacobs, Mr. A. L. Rae, Mr. C. G. Melchers, Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Evans, Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, Mrs E. J. Davies, Mr. & Mrs J. A. Cochrane, Mr. L. V. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Parsons, Mr. N. V. Rosanoff, Mr. A. P. Poliakoff, Mr. J. R. Camichael, Mrs. E. Hamowy, Mrs. E. Elliot Mr. W. C. A. Freeman Mr. M. D. Levy, Mr. F. V. Wagner, Mrs. E. Gillingham, Mrs. J. Eriscon, Mr. H. Wilpert, Mrs. G. E. Browne, Mr. R. A. Waters Mr. E. Lane, Mr. R. D. Standish, Dr. & Mrs. R. M. Allardyce, Mr. & Mrs R. Burman, Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Strong, Mr. & Mrs. L. Speelman, Master Speelman, Mr. & Mrs. E. Hein, Mr. R. McP Austin, Mrs. C. E. Druit, Mr. E. P. Kawasjee, Mrs. E. Stockhausem, Mrs. B. Ouchterlony, Mr. E. O. Sauerland, Mr. Otto H. Burmester, Mrs. G. Land, Mrs. M. J. King, Mr. & Mrs. E. Hansen, Mr. E. Geddes, Mrs H. M. Bemis, Mrs. P. J. Fichter, Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Hillen, Mr. F. C. Van der Poel, Mr. F. von Behring, Mr. & Mrs. L. Mazeaud Mrs. E. Hargreaves, Capt. & Mrs. H. Hayser, Mrs. J. Thoroughman, Miss M. & Master J. T. Thoroughman, Miss M. L. McCutchin, Miss A. M. Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. P. W. V. Corneck, Miss D. A. and Mstrs. W. G. Corneck Mr. & Mrs J. S. Oliver, Mr. A. L. A. Bonbernard, Mr. J. Deaville, Mr. C. Bergoli, Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Dougal, Miss P. M. Dougal, Miss E. Allen, Mr. W. A. Pascone, Mr. A. G. Hargreaves, Mr. J. T. Callahan, Mr. E. C. Jacoman, Dr. F. L. Rice, Mr. & Mrs. E. Lane, Master J. & H. C. Lane, Mr. T. Cubbins, Mr. J. A. C. Canta, Mrs. L. M. Ward, Mrs. G. V. Lumsdaine Mrs. H. R. Grant, Mr. & Mrs. W. K. Matthews, Mrs J. J. L. Hamilton, Miss A. Ikeda, Mr. L. Douck, Mr. I. M. Kolberg, Mrs. H. Altschuler, Mrs. R. Cameron, Rev. & Mrs. W. M. Crag, Dr. R. Friedlander Mr. J. E. Bulmer, Mrs. E. Stockhausen.

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Per Chaksang, March 21, for **Hongkong:** Mr. R. Reed, L/Capt. C. Mackay.

Per Leesang, March 21, for **Foochow:** Mrs. Cruickshank.

Vessels Discharging

AJAX. From Liverpool arrived on Mar. 20, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on March 29, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Thursday, March 23, 1939, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 23-3

ACADIA. The Maersk Line m.s. Acadia, from New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Los Angeles, Yokohama and Kobe via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes Davy on Saturday morning, March 25, at 9 a.m. Maersk Line Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 23-3

MARBURG. The Norddeutscher Lloyd m.s. Marburg, from Bremen, Hamburg, Antwerp, Genoa and Livorno via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees are further notified that the steamer Marburg has taken at Bremen and Hamburg through cargo for Shanghai ex steamer Strauss, Orla, Hector and Jade from Kotka, Raumo and Gothenburg. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side by Messrs. Tesdorpf, Hannig & Co. on Saturday morning, March 25, 1939, at 9 a.m. **Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen,** General Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 24-3

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From **MARSEILLES:** Chenonceaux, with mail, due 9 a.m., Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty 10.30 a.m.

From **HONGKONG:** Tai Ping, due 12 noon, Buoys 11-12.

From **TIENTSIN:** Soochow, due a.m., French Bund.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA		
Protesilaus	7/2	31/3
Bellerophon	7/3	28/4
From COPENHAGEN		
Kina	1/2	7/4
From OSLO		
Titania	17/2	13/4
Tamerlane	20/3	9/5
From HAMBURG		
Potsdam	18/2	27/3
Regensburg	11/3	16/4
Gneisenau	18/3	21/4
Bellerophon	11/3	28/4
From BREMEN		
Ramses	7/2	31/3
Kulmerland	21/2	14/4
Nordmark	7/3	22/4
Duisburg	21/3	10/5
From ROTTERDAM		
Nordmark	16/3	22/4
Tamara	9/3	25/4
From ANTWERP		
Glenbeg	21/1	24/3
Glenaffaric	4/2	1/4
Franken	24/2	15/4
Abbekerk	20/2	15/4
Glenapp	18/2	16/4
Regensburg	12/3	16/4
Denbighshire	4/3	29/4
Glenshiel	18/3	4/5
Serooskerk	20/3	13/5
From GLASGOW		
Hector	11/2	31/3
Menesthcus	25/2	13/4
Aeneas	11/3	1/5
From LIVERPOOL		
Philoctetes	11/2	26/3
Menestheus	4/3	13/4
Teiresias	25/2	14/4
Diomed	11/3	21/4
Aeneas	18/3	1/5
From LONDON		
Suwa M.	17/2	28/3
Chitral	24/2	2/4
Terukuni M.	3/3	7/4
Carthage	10/3	16/4
Bangalore	4/3	17/4
Hakusan M.	17/3	24/4
Denbighshire	18/3	29/4
From MARSEILLES		
Mar. Joffre	3/3	31/3
J. Laborde	17/3	14/4
From TRIESTE		
C. Verdi	8/3	2/4
Arabia	20/2	20/4
From PORT SAID		
Titania	15/3	13/4
J. Laborde	21/3	13/4
Abbekerk	14/3	15/4
Carthage	21/3	16/4
Franken	12/3	15/4
From SUEZ		
Terukuni M.	15/3	7/4
Kulmerland	16/3	14/4
Glenapp	16/3	16/4
From ADEN		
Bangalore	20/3	17/4
From BOMBAY		
C. Verde	20/3	2/4
From COLOMBO		
Potsdam	13/3	27/3
Ramses	16/3	31/3
Mar. Joffre	17/3	31/3
Chitral	18/3	2/4
From PENANG		
Glenaffaric	17/3	1/4
From SINGAPORE		
Boissevain	17/3	24/3
Philoctetes	18/3	26/3
Suwa M.	20/3	23/3
Mar. Joffre	22/3	31/3
Protesilaus	20/3	31/3
Hector	22/3	31/3
Ramses	20/3	1/4
Kina	18/3	7/4
From SOERABAIA		
Tjisaroea	13/3	1/4
Tjisadane	17/3	1/4
From BATAVIA		
Tjisaroea	16/3	1/4
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK		
Eurybates	27/1	25/3
Anna Maersk	10/2	28/3
Cingal. Prince	11/2	2/4
Irisbank	7/2	2/4
C. Athens	18/2	19/4
Ivaran	25/2	19/4
Agapenor	27/2	21/4
Malay Prince	9/3	24/4
Foylebank	6/3	27/4
Niel Maersk	10/3	27/4
C. Pittsburg	16/3	13/5
From SAVANNAH		
Malay Prince	12/3	24/4
Niel Maersk	15/3	27/4
From SEATTLE		
Ixion	17/2	26/3
From VANCOUVER		
E. of Canada	18/3	4/4
From LOS ANGELES		
Kamakura M.	27/2	26/3
Anna Maersk	3/3	28/3
P. Coolidge	6/3	23/?
Silverteak	10/3	11/4
From LOS ANGELES		
Asama M.	14/3	12/4
Ivaran	20/3	19/4
Agapenor	21/3	21/4
From SAN FRANCISCO		
Cingal. Prince	2/3	2/4
Irisbank	3/3	2/4
Silverteak	16/3	11/4
From HONOLULU		
P. Coolidge	14/3	28/3
Asama M.	22/3	12/4
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		
From YOKOHAMA		
Kamakura M.	18/3	26/3
Canton	21/3	26/3
Oldenburg	19/3	1/4
From KOBE		
Burgenland	20/3	23/3
Ixion	18/3	26/3
Oldenburg	22/3	1/4
From NAGASAKI		
Nagasaki M.	22/3	23/3

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN		**From MELBOURNE**	
Boissevain	15/2	24/3	Nellore 4/3 10/4
Tegelberg	15/3	20/4	
From DURBAN		**From BRISBANE**	
Tegelberg	21/3	22/4	Nellore 17/3 16/4

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN			**From HONGKONG**		
Tsingtao M.	22/3	24/3	Glenbeg	16/3	24/3
Antenor	11/3	30/3	Boissevain	22/3	24/3
			Eurybates	20/3	23/3
From TIENTSIN			Nanning	21/3	23/3
Kwangtung	16/3	23/3	Dahpu	21/3	25/3
Foochow	15/3	25/3	Szechuen	21/3	25/3
Esang	19/3	25/3	Fausang	22/3	26/3
Shengking	23/3	26/3	Minyeh	20/3	27/3
Kanchow	20/3	28/3	Taiyuan	22/3	27/3
			Potsdam	20/3	27/3
From HONGKONG			Kaying	24/3	28/3
Sinkiang	19/3	22/3	Tatsenhom	24/3	29/3
Taksang	19/3	23/3	**From KEELUNG(Formosa)**		
Kingyuan	19/3	23/3	Hakuken M.	23/3	26/3

Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

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YOCHOW Mar. 26. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Leaves on Sunday, March 26, at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-3

SZECHUEN Mar. 28. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Tuesday March 28, at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 27-3

MINGSANG Mar. 29. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Wednesday, March 29, at 7 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 28-3

JAPAN

AJAX Mar. 22. KOBE, YOKOHAMA and OTARU For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel 82020. 22-3

JAVA Mar. 22. YOKOHAMA, NAGOYA, KOBE and OSAKA.—For freight and passage please apply to Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 22-3

MARBURG Mar. 22. KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 22-3

EURYBATES Mar. 26. OSAKA.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 26-3

PHILOCTETES Mar. 27. KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 27-3

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BURDWAN Mar. 22. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA HA

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C PHILOCTETES	Liverpool	Mar. 26	Mar. 27	Japan Ports
A HECTOR	Liverpool	Mar. 31	Apr. 1	Taku and Dairen
C PROTESILAUS	Gdynia	Mar. 31	Apr. 1	Taku, Dairen and Japan
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ms. **REGENSBURG** for Aden, Port Sudan, Malta, Marseilles, Casablanca, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Bremen .. .. May 2

Outwards :

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ss. FRANKEN	Left Port Said ..	Mar. 12	„ „	Apr. 15
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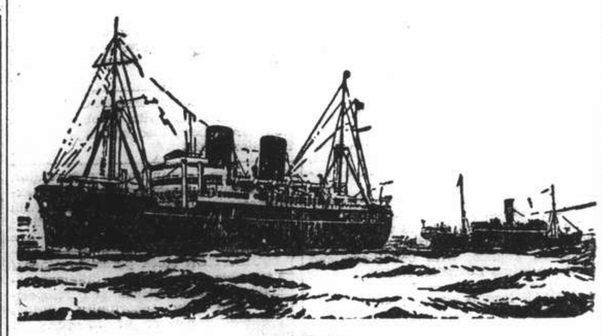

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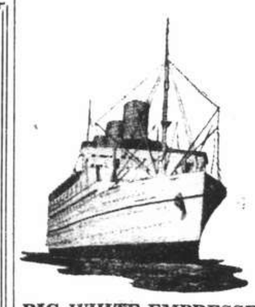

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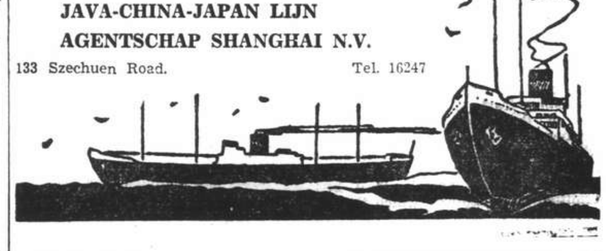

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Japanese Traffic Rules

Regulations Governing Vehicular Movements in Areas Controlled by Naval Landing Party

THE following traffic regulations concerning motor vehicular traffic naval sector were promulgated on February 20 and were to have come into force on March 15. Non-parking areas, speed limits, waiting sections, licences and methods of passing vehicles are outlined. It will be noted that the Japanese recognize licences issued by the "Ta Tao" government.

Article 1. These regulations are to be applied to motor vehicular traffic on roads lying within the limits under the jurisdiction of the Japanese Naval Landing Party in Shanghai.

Article 2. In these regulations any vehicle which is driven by a motor and does not run on tracks shall be designated as a motor vehicle.

Article 3. In these regulations the section of highway intended for the use of vehicles shall be defined as a roadway and the section intended for the use of pedestrians shall be called a footpath. Generally the footpaths on both sides of a highway have a kerb; in case there is no kerb on a highway one-sixth of the width on both sides of the highway sall be regarded as footpaths and the rest as a roadway.

Article 4. In these regulations any portion of a roadway from which vehicles are excluded shall be called a Safety Zone.

Article 5. In these regulations a path marked on a highway connecting kerbs, indicating a crossing place for pedestrians, shall be called Pedestrians Crossing.

Article 6. In these regulations the term vehicle shall apply to all means of transporting goods.

Article 7. In these regulations the term Driver shall apply to any person who, for the time being, is in charge of a vehicle on a highway.

Article 8. In these regulations the term passenger shall apply to any occupant of a vehicle other than the driver or a servant of the owner of the vehicle actually in the performance of his duty.

Article 9. In these regulations the term pedestrian shall apply to any person on foot on a highway. Provided that skaters, children's perambulators and invalids' chairs shall be considered as pedestrians when on a footpath.

Article 10. In these regulations the term waiting shall apply to any vehicle standing on a highway for the purpose of taking on or setting down a person or persons or loading or unloading things; and to a vehicle waiting for a traffic signal or to avoid an accident for the time being. Furthermore, in these regulations the term parking shall apply to a vehicle standing on a highway other than waiting. Provided that the vehicle standing on a highway more than five minutes while waiting shall be regarded as parking.

Article 11. In these regulations the term Vehicle Stand shall apply to a portion of a roadway or other space specially set apart for the ranking or parking of vehicles.

Article 12. No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway in a dangerous, reckless, negligent or otherwise improper manner.

Article 13. No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway, or stop at any portion of a highway, in such a manner as to cause unnecessary obstruction to other traffic.

Article 14. No person shall board, mount or enter or leave or descend from a vehicle on a highway while is in motion or in such a manner as to cause unnecessary obstruction to other traffic or unless such vehicle is drawn in close to the kerb.

Article 15. No person shall load or unload cargo or goods on a highway in such a manner as to cause unnecessary obstruction to traffic.

Article 16. No person shall carry or place a load or any other article on a highway in such a manner as to cause unnecessary obstruction to traffic. Necessary equipment should be fitted to prevent the scattering or leaking or dropping or any other.

Article 17. Every driver on a highway shall promptly obey the orders or signals of a sentry, gendarme or police (Consular Police, "Reformed Government Police," specially the Shanghai Municipal Police detailed for this purpose).

Article 18. No vehicle is permitted to be driven at a speed of more than 30 km. an hour within the city limit and 40 km. outside the city. The vehicles of the Fire Brigade and ambulances are excepted from these regulations.

Article 19. No driver shall exceed the speed stipulated in the preceding Article, having due regard to the rights of other users of the highway, to existing traffic conditions, to the state of the road surface, to the presence of dangerous points, (whether indicated or otherwise) and to the danger of public.

Article 20. No vehicle shall be permitted on a highway which is not wide enough to allow two and a half vehicles to pass each other. Provided there is some space on the highway where one vehicle can wait until the other has passed; such space must be large enough to permit one and a half vehicles to pass.

Article 21. A driver shall keep to the left hand side of the roadway—the slower his speed the nearer the kerb.

Article 22. No driver shall cross a roadway to the right.

Article 23. A driver, when turning a corner to the left, shall keep as near the left hand kerb as possible.

Article 24. A driver when turning a corner to the right shall make a wide sweep and shall enter the new roadway to the left of its centre line. A driver shall refrain from crossing a corner when the traffic is heavy.

Article 25. No driver shall turn to the right at the crossing of Boone Road and Broadway irrespective of his direction.

Article 26. A driver when passing another vehicle going in the opposite direction shall do so to the left.

Article 27. A driver when arriving at the same time as another vehicle going in a different direction at a crossing where there is no officer on traffic duty shall do so at a slow speed so as to allow the other vehicle to pass first. A driver when entering a main thoroughfare from a small branch road shall do so at a slow speed to allow other vehicles to pass. A driver shall always give vehicles in the service of the fire brigade or an ambulance right of way irrespective of the preceding stipulations.

Article 28. A driver when passing a horse or a vehicle shall do so to the right if practicable after using the horn or shouting or using some other form of warning to cause a horse or a vehicle to make room for him to pass and await the signal stipulated in Article 47.

Article 29. A driver when passing a tramcar shall do so to the left except when it is impracticable due to the condition of a highway.

Article 30. A driver when passing a tramcar which has stopped to take up or set down passengers shall do so at a slow speed; or, if necessary, he shall stop until the roadway is clear. A driver may slowly pass a tramcar when passengers are being taken up or set down or when there is a safety zone or when a space of 1.5 m. between the tramcar and his vehicle.

Article 31. No driver, except one in charge of a vehicle in the service of the fire brigade or an ambulance, shall pass another vehicle at street crossings, or when turning a corner or rounding a bend or when going down a steep slope or when passing over a a narrow bridge or when a clear view ahead cannot be obtained.

When Passing A Sentry

Article 32. No driver shall pass another motor car or motorcycle going in the same direction, except a bus; no driver of a truck shall pass another truck going in the same direction, on the following roads:—

North Szechuen Road, Woosung Road, Chapoo Road, Quinsan Road, Range Road, North Haining Road, In the vicinity of the crossing of Dixwell Road and Chi Mei Road (Matsui Tohori), Seward Road (West of Nino Bashi) and Broadway including East Broadway.

Article 33. All drivers shall draw near to the kerb when a vehicle in the service of the fire brigade or an ambulance passes near them.

Article 34. All drivers shall draw near to the kerb and stop to allow an ambulance carrying a patient or injured person or a funeral procession to have free passage.

Article 35. A driver of a motor vehicle approaching a horse on a highway shall slow down or stop if necessary or if requested to do so.

Article 36. A driver when passing a railway crossing shall stop and assure himself that it is safe to cross, but he may pass such assurance is obtained from a police officer or a signal man or from the condition of the road.

Article 37. A driver shall slow down and use the horn or give a shout or a sign when passing the under mentioned places:—

A bend in a road crossing or a winding place or a crowded part of a road.
A pedestrian crossing.
Side of a tramcar standing on a highway without the safety zone.
A slope or a bridge.
A sentry.

Article 38. No driver shall travel abreast of another vehicle on a highway; he shall follow another vehicle at less than 10m. space from the vehicle in front.

Waiting Places

Article 39. A driver when going on highway in the same direction and in one line as another vehicle at a close distance shall follow the track of the preceding vehicle and no driver shall pass or attempt to pass another vehicle at a crossing whether the latter is stopping or going at a police signal.

Article 40. No driver shall cause a vehicle to remain at the entrance to any premises in such a manner as to obstruct access thereto longer than is necessary for the expeditious taking up or setting down of passengers, or the loading or unloading of freight or goods.

Article 41. No driver shall back his vehicle or turn it round in a roadway if by so doing he obstructs or endangers other traffic.

Article 42. A driver when stopping or parking his vehicle in a roadway for the purpose of taking up or setting down of passengers or for any other reason (except in obedience to the instructions of a sentry or a gendarme or a policeman) shall do so with the left side of the vehicle as close to the left kerb as possible.

Article 43. No driver shall cause a vehicle to wait or otherwise remain stationary on the highway (except in obedience to the instructions of a sentry, gendarme or a policeman) at the undermentioned places:—

Where "no waiting" notices are posted or where the kerb is painted red or is marked with black and white glazed tiles.
Parallel to a stopping place for tramcars.
Within 10 m. of any street corner or a bend in a highway.
Left side of any safety zone.
Pedestrian crossing.
Set apart and indicated as a loading zone, except for the purse of loading and unloading cargo or goods.
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Within 15 m. of a sentry post.

No driver shall park his vehicle at the following points except when it is inevitable:—

Bridges.
In front or within 3 m. of fire stations, branch fire stations or stores of fire stations.
Within 3 m. of hydrants.
Where parking is specially prohibited.

Parking Prohibitions

Article 44. Parking is prohibited at the following places:—

Woosung Road (east side between Haining Road and North Soochow Road);
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Range Road (south side between North Szechuen Road and Woosung Road);
Boone Road (on both sides);
Broadway (both sides) and at points set apart and indicated as prohibited zones.

Article 45. A driver when leaving his vehicle stationed or parked shall do so after rendering the vehicle immovable and shall stop the motor if it is practicable.

Article 46. No driver shall use a horn, bell or other form of warning signal unnecessarily beyond the requirements of traffic safety.

Article 47. A driver when turning or sloving down or stopping or allowing other vehicles to pass by his vehicle shall use the following signals, except when he uses his signal apparatus for turning and a lamp for stopping:—

Stopping.—extend slightly downward the right or left arm with clenched first out-side the vehicle.
Turning to the right.—extend the right arm with fingers straightened horizontally to the right from the right side of the vehicle or raise left arm with straightened fingers outside the vehicle from the left.
Turning to the left.—extend the left arm with fingers straightened horizontally to the right from the right side of the vehicle or raise right arm with straightened fingers outside of the vehicle from the right.
Go pass—extend the right arm with straightened fingers from right side of the vehicle wave it back and forth or use left arm in the same way if use of the right arm is impracticable.
Slow down—extend right arm or left arm with straightened fingers, downward.
Go ahead—extend the right or the left arm outside the vehicle toward front making parallel line with the traffic.

Article 48. No person shall stand or sit on or otherwise occupy the footboard of a vehicle in motion on a highway.

Vehicles Barred

Article 49. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway who is not in possession of any of the following licences:—

A licence issued by the Shanghai Special Naval Landing Party or by the Japanese army.
A licence issued by the S.M.C. or the F.M.C.
A licence issued by the Japanese Consulate-General or the "Reformed Government."

Article 50. All drivers must always carry their licence with them.

Article 51. No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway when under the influence of liquor or when smoking.

Article 52. No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway who is physically unfit to do so or who is suffering from mental disease.

Article 53. A driver when driving a vehicle at night shall put on the front head lights and the tail light and when passing another vehicle going in the opposite direction shall reduce the power of the head lights and turn downward the direction of the lights or put it off for a limited time if necessary and put on the side lights.

Article 54. A driver when passing a sentry line shall put on the light in the compartment.

Article 55. No motor vehicle other than a tractor shall tow another vehicle, except in an accident which requires an ordinary vehicle to do so.

Article 56. No vehicle shall be driven on a highway when such vehicle has one or more of the following six defects:—

Mechanical defect in the power control system, the brake, the handle, the gear, the speed change gear.
When the measurements of a vehicle exceed 7.5 m. in length, 2.2 m. in width, 3 m. in height.
The dimensions of load carried by a vehicle exceed 3.5 m. in height (in case of a small type of vehicle 1.8 m.) and 7.5 m. in length.
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Vehicles which are not provided with head lights permitting the driver to distinguish traffic obstacles at a distance of 50 m. ahead and a tail light which enables a person to read the licence plate at a distance of 25 m. from behind.
Vehicles which fail to exhibit clearly any of the licence plates issued by the Japanese Navy, the Japanese Army, the Japanese Consulate-General, the "Reformed Government," the Shanghai Municipal Council or the French Municipal Council.

Article 57. A driver when he has injured a person or damaged a thing shall stop the vehicle. In the first case he shall take the necessary steps to rescue the victim. Provided he shall follow the instructions of the sentry, gendarme or the police on the scene.

The driver shall not continue on his way until he has completely taken the necessary steps mentioned above and submitted a report to the military police.

Or the police giving the number of the vehicle, the names and addresses of himself, employer and the user of the vehicle and obtained permission to leave; but in case there is no gendarme or police on the scene he shall without delay report the incident to the gendarmerie and the police.

A driver of a vehicle in the service of the Fire Brigade, the Post Office, an emergency motor car or an ambulance carrying an injured man or a patient may continue on its way after he has caused other men in the service to take the prescribed steps.

No passenger on the vehicle shall obstruct the driver in taking the steps mentioned in the above three paragraphs.

Article 58. Whoever violates these regulations will be prohibited to drive a vehicle in the areas under the jurisdiction of the Shanghai Special Naval Landing Party according to circumstances.

Unemployment in Canton

Japanese Seek Ways to Better Situation; Free Clinics Established

Canton, Mar. 20.

Believing that it is partly responsible for the present crime wave, the authorities here have begun to tackle the question of unemployment in Canton.

According to semi-official statistics, no less than two-thirds of the population, which is now estimated to number between 700,000 and 800,000, are without work, and how they live is a puzzle.

Of those fortunate enough to have jobs, the majority are employed by the Japanese military authorities in construction work connected with the rehabilitation of the city.

The Japanese, who have been doing all they can to relieve distress by establishing free clinics, depots to sell cheap rice, etc., are now said to be seeking expert advice to ameliorae the situation.

Several thousand unemployed, however, are expected to have jobs shortly following the formation of a large Sino-Japanese concern, which intends to establish a number of factories. The new enterprise is reported to have received the blessing of the Japanese military, who see in it a partial solution to the local unemployment problem.

Meanwhile, more medical clinics have been opened in various parts of the city to care for the poorer classes, who are being urged by handbills and posters to avail themselves of free inoculations against such infectious diseases as smallpox and cholera.

At the same time the authorities, to enforce the observance of their sanitary regulations, have begun inspection of restaurants, hotels and tea houses.—Reuter.

THE business centre of Yenping, Fukien province, was almost reduced to ruins following the outbreak of a big fire on March 18, says a belated Chinese to the "Ta Mei Pao." Over 30 business houses were burned, causing material losses estimated at over $100,000. The fire started in a Chinese hotel and spread to the adjoining houses, the report adds. No casualties have so far been reported.

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YOUNG Chinese, good appearance, law graduate and member of local bar association, having been associated with foreign law firm for many years, seeks appointment entailing responsibility in professional or private capacity. Also experience in foreign newspaper work. Address Box 2030, NCDN. -3421

YOUNG lady, qualified secretary-stenographer. Interested literary work. Telephone 38197, Room 8, 7 p.m. Box 2037, NCDN. -3432

ENERGETIC, efficient stenographer requires position immediately. Many years experience in typing, coding, etc. Address Box 2026, NCDN. -3408

BODYGUARD-watchman, 12 years USA experience. Absolutely reliable. Address Box 2024, NCDN. -3404

YOUNG independent lady, fluent knowledge of English and French (shorthand and typing in both languages) wishes a position as travelling secretary. Address Box 2027, NCDN. -3416

YOUNG girl, 16 years, perfect in English, French and German, wants position in family with children. Box 2002, NCDN. -3376

CHINESE, speaking and writing English, French and German, good accountant, seeks position. Box 1507, NCDN. -3036

CHINESE seeks position as accountant, 10 years' experience in office routine. Salary moderate. Apply to Mr. S. C. Oong c/o Huey Feng Shye Kee Co., 17-19 Rue de la Paix, Marche de l'Est. -3379

WOULD someone help? Young Eurasian lady seeks position as typist/stenographer. Hard-worker and reliable. Address Box 1980, NCDN. -3345

YOUNG Cantonese, four years' experience, own typewriter, desires position junior typist/apprentice-clerk. Any salary. Box 1994, NCDN. -3368

OVERSEA Chinese, English degree, former executive in British firm, having good business connections abroad, wants position with import or export firms or schools. Address Box 1978, NCDN. -3339

YOUNG forwarding and shipping agent, long-experienced, German, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, seeks position. Replies to Box 1999, NCDN. -3363

Lost

LOST Stamped Custom Sub-pass No. AD76056, issued on 13/2/1937. Marked: K.H.Z. Shanghai, made in Poland, 1/40, B/L. No. 16 covering 40 casks of Salammoniac ex ss. Belleropon. The public is hereby notified that same is declared null and void." 11602

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Godown Warrant No. 2732 issued to 合名會社今岡時計店 covering one case of Dynamo, one case of A. E. G. Motor, one case of V. S. A. Motor and two cases of Gilding fittings, marked [illegible] has been lost and is hereby declared null and void. The Shanghai Warehousing & Trust Co., Ltd. -3325

LOST two triplicates Custom Pass. B/L 99 marked S in diamond for 1 c/s Roller Skins and B/L 247 marked 456 over diamond, KO centre, for 2 c/s Leather for Aprons, ex. Yamagata Maru. Same is hereby declared null and void. Nippon Kairiku Transport Co., Nagao Co. 11469

Personal

WILL lady, black dress with black and green hat, who softly touched foreign gentleman wearing blue-dark and white striped clothes. March 12, at Lyceum, write Box 1879, NCDN. for acquaintance. 11556

Educational

YOUNG foreign lady would give German and French lessons at her/pupil's home. Box 2036, NCDN. -3435

NEW stock American raincoats, "Alligator," for ladies and boys. Selling at cost for quick disposal 133 Yuen-Ming-Yuen Road, Room 508. 11550

UNIVERSITY man gives lessons, English, French, Mathematics, Physics, prepares for schools, Cambridge examinations. Box 2022, NCDN. -3361

A lady wishes to learn Japanese with a Japanese lady, who is well-educated, speaking English. If agreed, please write in English, with conditions and time. Address Box 2012, NCDN. -3391

GERMAN lessons given by experienced German lady teacher. Twice weekly, $10 per month. Telephone 74393. -2028

FRENCH lessons. Speedy and excellent results assured. Fully qualified gentleman-teacher. Twice weekly, at pupil's home, $20. Box 1934, NCDN. -3244

PIANIST, accompanist, pupil of Professor Leonid Kreutzer, gives piano lessons. Address Box 1825, NCDN. -3027

OBTAIN a thorough business training, in the shortest space of time, in Stenography, Book-keeping/Elementary Accounting, Coding, Filing and Office Routine at Rodda's Commercial College, Flat 211, 314 Hardoon Road, telephone 33164. 11550

HIGHLY educated young Chinese wishes to exchange language with British or American gentlemen or ladies. Address James Yeh, 3rd, floor, 266 Peking Road. -3246

JAPANESE class lesson. Twice a week, Monday and Thursday, 8-9 p.m., $10 per month. Corner of Avenue Foch and Cardinal Mercier. Address Box 1534, NCDN. -2569

FIGUEIREDO'S School. Pitman/Gregg Shorthand, Typewriting, English. Crystal-clear explanations. 54 Garden Apartments, 1173/11 Bubbling Well. 11165

Business Opportunities

PARTNERSHIP and capital available through General Investment Co., 120 Jinkee Road, 2 floor. -3417

FOR SALE complete dental office with up-to-date first-class equipment and laboratory, with existing permanent clientele. Office situated Bubbling Well in four-roomed, furnished apartment. Income guaranteed $1,500 monthly. Price $12,000. Owner leaving Shanghai. Apply Agency "Korlin", 146A/1, Route des Soeurs, Telephone 78499. -3304

ADVERTISERS have capital available for investment in sound commercial undertakings, where services of complete business organisation could be utilised. Address Box 3408, NCDN. 11124

$6,500 or nearest offer, beauty salon, including modern equipment, perfumeries, etc. wide clientele, excellent profits. Address Box 2009, NCDN. -3389

£250 only, you can buy a night-club located French Concession, with British and American clientele. Price includes two refrigerators, National cash-register and all other equipments used for clubs. Address Box 2014, NCDN. 11560

ADVERTISER with capital willing to co-operate with Jew refugee on any line of business. Preferably something new in Shanghai or manufacturing on small scale. Address proposals to Box 1872, NCDN. -3162

RELIABLE concern interested in export trade, desires contact with individuals and/or firms having experience and good connections. Address Box 1920, NCDN. 11514

Wanted to Purchase

FOLDING perambulator, Marmet, or similar type. Must be in good condition. Telephone 30359. -3441

WANTED to buy one second hand piano, pay good price, apply Telephone 73606. -3443

WANTED to purchase or rent, a second-hand frigidaire in good working condition. Address Box 2042, NCDN. 11603

WANTED to purchase, Filmo-8 or Kodak-8 mm. movie camera in good condition. Address Box 2020, NCDN. -3390

COLD-storage machine wanted; second-hand, capacity 3 to 5 tons ice daily. Telephone 17687. -3349

Radios

RADIOS for hire. Reasonable rentals. Apply Radio Rental Department, Radio Corporation of Asia. 361/3 Avenue Foch. -3385

Miscellaneous

WILL let to responsible party for six months, one bedroom set and one dining-room set, in perfect condition. $40 monthly for all. Box 2034, NCDN. -3426

EXPERT repairs by American factory-trained mechanic on cash registers, typewriters and adding machines. Authorized dealers Hermes Baby and Standard typewriters. Business Machine Co., 9-A Central Road, Telephone 14292. -2924

STAMPS. Buy and sell. Approvals submitted. Exchange invited. Address Emile Widler, 16 Muping Road, Tsingtao. -3137

VALENTINE, Confiserie, Patisserie. Orders taken for Easter. 319 Avenue Petain, Georgia Apartments. -3320

Dancing

LADY gives private lessons in ballroom dancing from 11-12 and 2-7 at 378 Roi Albert, Apartment 11. -3424

MISS Lilian Grey, qualified instructress in ballroom dances, gives private lessons at Waldemar's Dancing Academy, 1272 Avenue Joffre. -2710

BORIS Goertz, established 1924, correct ball-room dancing. Terms moderate. 1041 Bubbling Well, through store. -3131

Beauty Culture, etc.

Advertisements under this heading are carefully scrutinized before acceptance, and though no guarantee can be given readers may be reasonably assured of their bona fides.

LADY gives general massage, manicure 10-7 p.m. 205 Peking Road, Apartment 30, Second Floor. 11159

1205 BUBBLING WELL Road, Apartment 15. Massage. -3393

For Sale—Miscellaneous

ATTRACTIVE Chinese scrolls, carved furniture, brocades in various lovely designs at Mrs. Moyser's, 452 Kiangse Road. Near Wafer Tower. Telephone 18331 -3470

FOR SALE, one kilowatt D.C. Dynamo, German make, with gasoline engine. New, never been used, at bargain price. Telephone 12033. -3471

ONE large Westinghouse refrigerator, two single Simmons' beds with box-mattresses, and one dressing-table with mirror, at $350, $250 and $70 respectively. Address Box 2052, NCDN. -3472

LIQUIDATION stock porcelain dinner/tea sets. Cheap sale, different attractive colours, designs and composition. The only opportunity. Prices from $12 dinner-set of 53 pcs. 109 Route Vallon. -3415

SHIRTS and pyjamas made to measure. Genuine silk and English materials, from $6.50. Razon's, Central Road. 11138

ONE Erbotherm diathermy machine, in good condition. What offers? Address Box 1878 or telephone 72720. -3364

GALVANIZED barbed wire $10 per coil of 350 feet 12 gauge. Asphalt roofing 1, 2 and 3 ply. F. Madsen & Co. 133 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Telephone 19802. 11555

WOOLLENS, guaranteed English, dress and coat materials, from $4.50 yard. Men's suit lengths from $25. Apply 304 Hardoon Road, Apartment 201A. -3424

TOWELS. Ship and Machine brands. Face towels, bath towels, bath sheets, bath mats and towelling, etc. First-grade quality at moderate prices. Manufactured by The Tuck Chong Weaving Factory (Established 1915) Office 10 Wongkashaw Gardens. (Avenue Road, Carter Road east). Telephone 37024. -2494

EGGS from pure imported white Leghorns, 10 dollars sitting of thirteen. Apply Box 2007, NCDN. 11573

DINING and bedroom furniture, for sale. 497 Avenue Joffre, Apartment 12. -3374

FOR Easter. Those who enjoy good beer, we recommend American Beer Pabst, Shlitz Budweizer, at half the original cost, in boxes of 24 tins or bottles. Address 97 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Telephone 15584. -3209

MOSAIC dinner sets, 12 napkins, $7. Applique coloured bed-spreads. $4.75. Double bed-sheets, $4.50. Mosaic pillow-cases, $1.75 pair. Lace & Linen Syndicate, 114 Peking Road. -11488

NICK'S second-hand furniture store. Buying and selling new and second-hand furniture, household effects, etc 146A Route des Soeurs, Telephone 73937 -2573

To Advertisers

The following replies are being held at this office, and the owners of the undermentioned Box numbers are requested to call for same before March 30, after which date they will be destroyed. Nos. 525, 1105, 1285, 1294, 1297, 1346, 1352, 1361, 1369, 1372, 1375, 1378, 1388, 1393, 1402, 1412, 1449, 1510, 1558, 1572, 1585, 1586, 1591, 1592, 1594, 1595, 1601, 1608, 1638, 1642, 1659, 1683.

Motor Cars and Cycles

ADVERTISER leaving port shortly wishes to hire car for 2 to 3 weeks. Reply Box 2049, NCDN. giving terms. 11609

SELLING Baby-Austin, new paint, new tyres, perfect condition throughout. Telephone 34104. 11608

WILL pay foreign currency for 1937 8 sedan. No brokers. Please reply Box 2033, NCDN. -3426

STUDEBAKER, 7-passenger, President sedan, 8-cylinder, 1932 model, but very little used. Price US$250 or reasonable offer. Box 2040, NCDN. 11607

ESSEX 1931, 1932 sedan, good condition throughout, cheap. Telephone 84104. 11607

WANTED Baby-Austin, Morris or Ford for cash. Please state lowest price and year of make. Address Box 2039, NCDN. 11596

1934 Ford V8 four-door sedan, for sale, $2,200 cash. Owner-driven. Address Box 2023, NCDN. -3403

WE offer cash for used cars and trucks. Apply Jenny's Motors, 177 Amiral Courbet. Telephone 73165. -3006

ADVERTISER wishes buy second-hand motor-cycle. Offers by letter stating price. A.D., 109 MacGregor Road. -3100

RETREAD your tyres, they give you new mileage, style and safety at half the price of new tyres. Asiatic Retreading Company, 640 Avenue Foch. Telephone 34612. 11373

BRITISH, 5-ton truck Commer, excellent condition throughout, leaving sale, bargain, $3,300, including licence. Box 1981, NCDN. -3346

AMERICAN convertible coupe, excellent condition throughout, very economical, 4-cylinders, 22 m.p.g., genuine bargain, $800. Box 1982, NCDN. -3347

SMART American sedan de luxe, very little used, beautiful condition, £130 (no brokers). Telephone 78045 till noon. -3360

1932 Nash sedan car $755. Condition perfect. Owner leaving Shanghai. Telephone 74551. 1331 Avenue Joffre, Apartment B. -3333

$350 Morris Cowley 5 passenger with licence. Old but good. Telephone 71416. 11593

Chinese Servants

ADVERTISER can recommend cook-boy, honest and clean. Experience with British family. Telephone 22216. -3423

MISS England highly recommends missie and wash-amah, monthly or daily. Telephone 74229. -3416

73148 CENTRAL Employment Agency (British). The one and only with 3,000 satisfied customers. Cooks, boys, amahs, chauffeurs, watchmen. 11563

SERVICES offered of first-class, well-recommended Pekinese cook-boy. Address Box 2004, NCDN. -3382

CAN anyone recommend a reliable and honest No. 1 house-boy and house-coolie? No cook-boys need apply. Apply Telephone 17141, 9-10 a.m. -3385

Furnished Apartments

FOR couple, three-roomed apartment with bathroom and kitchen. Completely furnished. Address Box 2050, NCDN -3440

LEASE one year, two-roomed flat, kitchen, bathroom, verandah, steam-heated. No taxes. Complete furnishing, linen, cutlery, kitchen equipment, etc. to be taken over, $1,560. Rent $160. Western district. Address Box 2041, NCDN 11598

TO LET, two-roomed, fully-furnished, modern, steam-heated apartment. Verandah, bathroom, kitchen. Taxes, hot-water, linen, china, crockery, etc. $160. Suitable for bachelor or couple. Tifeng Road. Telephone 20606. -3425

THREE well-furnished rooms with bath, kitchen, modern conveniences, to let for five months or longer. Bubbling Well Road. Telephone 35242, 9-2 p.m. 11593

TO LET, three-roomed apartment from April 1. Completely furnished. No key-money or fixtures to be taken over. Box 2044, NCDN. 11605

TO responsible foreigner, three-roomed apartment French Concession, tram stop. Moderate rent. Available end April. Part furniture to be taken over. No brokers. Telephone 76592 mornings or Box 2038, NCDN. -3434

TO LET, few furnished, three-roomed apartments in different locations. Furniture to be taken over. Agency Korlin, 146A/1 Route des Soeurs, Telephone 78499. -3456

TO LET, rooms, flats, houses, furnished/unfurnished, shops. General Investment Co., 120 Jinkee Road, 2 floor. -3417

TO LET, for one year, central district, apartment, furnished/unfurnished. Five rooms, large hall, two bathrooms, servants' quarters, $250 monthly excluding taxes. Reply Box 2025, NCDN. -3405

FULLY-furnished apartment with garden. Four rooms, excluding kitchen, bathroom, servants' quarter, frigidaire, radio, $2,400. Owner leaving. 1331 Avenue Joffre, Apartment B. -3384

TO LET, rooms, flats, apartment, houses, shops, furnished/unfurnished. Available immediately. 1272 Avenue Joffre, Commission Agency. -2795

FURNISHED, four-roomed apartment available May 1. Central district, rental $300 per month. Reply to Box 2001, NCDN. 11572

ONE/four-roomed apartment, beautifully furnished. One of the best apartment houses in the city. Price G$1,100. Also other attractive houses and apartments, for sale or rent, in all parts of the city. Telephone 84196. -3398

MOST desirable and attractive three-roomed apartment, in really modern building, best part French Concession. Rental $260 monthly. Furniture to be taken over. Box 2018, NCDN. 11577

TWO-roomed, verandah, self-contained flat. Kelmscott Gardens. Vacant April 1. Address Box 1990, NCDN. -3364

THREE-roomed modern apartment French Concession, partly furnished. Frigidaire, to let middle of May. Address Box 2005, NCDN. -3393

Unfurnished Apartments

TO LET, two-roomed apartment, French Concession. Telephone 76352. -3419

TWO rooms, comfortable, airy, central heating, bath, big box-room, separate verandah, $175, suitable bachelor's residence and office; also a bigger, very beautiful apartment, $285. Sixth floor, modern building, business centre. Telephone 18933. -3422

Wanted to Rent

WANTED three/four office rooms, south exposure, near Bund, presentable building only. Replies to Box 2029, NCDN. -3421

VIENNESE couple without children, require furnished room, large and clean, in foreign family. Box 2032, NCDN. -3422

FIVE/ten-roomed house, apartment; furnished/unfurnished. Willing pay key-money. Please Telephone 71338 -3436

WANTED two/three rooms, furnished/unfurnished, with/without board. Telephone 70612. -3411

WANTED good house with large garden or attached vacant lot, in French Concession. Box 1854, NCDN. -3142

WANTED, tennis court, hard or lawn, whole season. Moderate rental. Vicinity Race Course or down-town district. Telephone 13163 Roberts. -3342

WANTED to rent a furnished house, from 6 to 10 rooms. Location immaterial. For particulars address Box 1995, NCDN. -3269

WANTED furnished apartment/house Willing to pay best price for furniture and key-money. Telephone 74850. -3383

WANTED shop, Concession/Settlement, for small business. Address with price Box 1918, NCDN. -3239

WANTED by reliable Chinese to rent/buy, eight or more roomed house with conveniences. With/without garden and garage. Within Concession/Settlement limit. Willing pay key-money. Address Box 1871, NCDN. -3162

AMERICAN requires 2-3 room apartment, preferably Grosvenor House or near vicinity. Will consider purchase of furniture. Telephone Mr. Smith 17222. 11469

WANTED: furnished house or 4-6-roomed apartment. We are ready to pay best price. Telephone 78499. -3301

Animals

FOUND Route Mayen, white female spitz, owner please telephone meal hours 72415. -3422

FOR SALE, beautiful thoroughbred Alsation, male, 2½ months old. See from 9 to 3, 101/1 Route Magniny. -3410

IF your pony should die would you be compensated? For pony insurance apply to Hugh Middleton & Co. 45 Kiukiang Road. 11219

PEDIGREED wire-haired terrier (male) for sale. 2½ years old. $100. Telephone 83633 between 8-9 p.m. or Box 1913, NCDN. -3424

REQUIRED home for 7 months, for friendly Airedale dog, four years. Board paid. Reply L. F. Payne, S.M.C., Revenue Office. -3385

Houses and Land

SHOP premises known as No. 1266, Bubbling Well Road, for sale. Area of land now 0.1.2. Built 1933. Apply Allen & Co., Ltd., 206 Sassoon House. 11161

FOR SALE, inside western district, five foreign houses, best construction. Suitable for large Chinese families. Box 2019, NCDN. -3397

FOR SALE, leasehold property in one of the most exclusive residential districts of the French Concession, 21 years to run. Area now 3,168. Buildings consist of four well-constructed modern residences. Annual rental $9,600. For further particulars please address Box 2011, NCDN. -3390

A well-designed and constructed modern residence in Columbia Road, containing eight main rooms, two small rooms, two bathrooms, etc., standing on now 1,500 ground. Address Box 1998, NCDN. -3371

Rooms Without Board

SMALL room with board in private family. Steam-heating, all modern conveniences. 824C Cathay Flats, Avenue Joffre. -3439

WELL-furnished rooms, baths, large verandahs, beautiful garden, garage. First-class food. Board optional. Bus 2 stop. Telephone 23389. 7 Columbia Road, corner Great Western Road. -3343

LARGE room, French Concession, to let April. Furnished $150, unfurnished $130 monthly. Bathroom attached. Use of frigidaire. Breakfast and meals can be arranged. Box 2035, NCDN. -3429

ONE sitting-room, small bedroom, bathroom, in English-owned house. Large garden. Mrs. Chalmers, 45 Route Ghisi. Telephone 78219. -3291

DESIRABLE accommodation available, steamheated, quiet, clean house, for transient guests, daily terms $3-$5. Telephone 74982. -2369

PRIVATE family offers furnished room with all modern conveniences. Single person only. King Albert Apartments. Telephone 75908. -3352

$80 Well-furnished room in apartment-house, all conveniences. Bachelors preferred. Near Haig/Ferguson. 75839 forenoon. -3337

Rooms with Board

LARGE room for couple and smaller room for bachelor. Yu Yuen Road. Telephone 23367, from 10-12. -3443

ONE sitting-room, small bedroom, bathroom, in English-owned house. Large garden. Mrs. Chalmers, 45 Route Ghisi. Telephone 78219. -3291

TO LET: comfortable south room with bathroom for bachelor of good standing, in private family, quiet locality near Country Hospital. Board optional. Apply Box 1555, NCDN. 11238

12 Pacific Gardens, Seymour Road. Large room with board, facing south. Private bathroom. Telephone 30376. -3375

THE Towers, 1132 Avenue Road. Comfortable single/double rooms, private bathrooms, big garden, excellent food. Telephone 35534. -3373

Furnished Houses

RENT or sale, modern furnished house (6 rooms, 2 bathrooms) situated best residential part of French Concession. Telephone 75370,